

Big Moments in Jesus' Life

Home Group Notes 8

Jesus' Arrest ~ Luke 22:39-62

Introduction

We pick up the story of Jesus' arrest as He comes out of the Upper Room after the Passover meal with His disciples. Judas had left to betray Him and we are in a quiet place with Jesus. Judas knew the place well as Jesus went there often. Jesus has no thought of escape.

Read Luke 22:39-46

1. What is the temptation/trial Jesus is facing? Why does it matter that He submits to His Father here?
2. What temptation/trial is the disciples facing at this point?
3. What does Jesus mean by the 'cup' in vs42?

King Jesus, kneels and prays. A few days before He had entered Jerusalem in 'royal procession'. If He is to establish God's will He must obey it Himself.

See Rom 5:19.

4. What does vs 42 show about Jesus' attitude to what was coming and His response?
5. The disciples slept in vs 45. How do we sometimes ignore reality in a similar way? How is our society sleeping instead of facing reality?
6. How can prayer ready us for difficult situations and circumstances which we are facing?
7. Does God often provide resources to continue, rather than the removal of the trial/temptation? What might these resources be?

Read Luke 22:47-53

Jesus is calm and in control, the disciples in disarray.

8. How might we lash out when circumstances catch us off guard like the disciples?
9. Swords are useless with this enemy. Who is behind these events vs 53? see Eph 6:12
10. When is it right to resist the authorities? When is it right to submit to them?
11. What accusations could the authorities level at Jesus if He hadn't challenged Peter's armed response?

Read Luke 22:54-62

Jesus is led away and the focus shifts to Peter, who did stay with Jesus. The others ran away! Peter didn't realise what the real battle was all about. Even when specifically warned.

12. What experience have you had when standing up for the Truth of Jesus? What is the reaction of others?
13. Like Peter have you hidden behind ignorance (vs 57,58,60) when you should have spoken out?
14. What is the best way to prepare for a stand?

Out of the darkness the cock crowed and Jesus turned and looked at Peter vs 60b-61.

15. What had been proved to Peter at this very point? How had failure actually strengthened his faith in Christ? see Luke 22:31-32
16. Are we still Christians when we fail? Does God love us any less?
17. When we fail our faith in Christ doesn't fail. How does this help us in failure? See Rom 8:34-35

Prayer Points

1. *Pray that you would recognise where the battle lies.*
2. *Pray for strength to stand when temptation/trials come.*
3. *Pray for our sleeping world and its leaders.*
4. *Pray for our fellow Christians facing pressure to deny Christ or else face imprisonment or even death.*