

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Why was Jesus arrested?
- Why didn't Jesus fight back against His enemies?
- If you had been there, what do you think you might have done?

Jesus Was Arrested

Matthew 26–27

STORY POINT: JESUS ALLOWED HIS ENEMIES TO ARREST HIM.

Jesus came with His disciples to a garden. Jesus took three of His disciples into the garden, and Jesus became very sad and troubled. He fell facedown and prayed, "Father! If it is possible, spare Me from this. But I want to do Your plan."

Jesus came back and found the three disciples asleep. Jesus went away and prayed a second time. Then He said, "Get up, for it is almost time. Someone is going to betray Me."

Suddenly Judas arrived with a large crowd carrying swords and clubs. The men grabbed Jesus and arrested Him. Jesus' followers ran away, but Peter stayed nearby to watch. The men who arrested Jesus led Him to the high priest. The religious leaders wanted a reason to kill Jesus, but they couldn't find one. The high priest asked, "Are You the Messiah, the Son of God?"

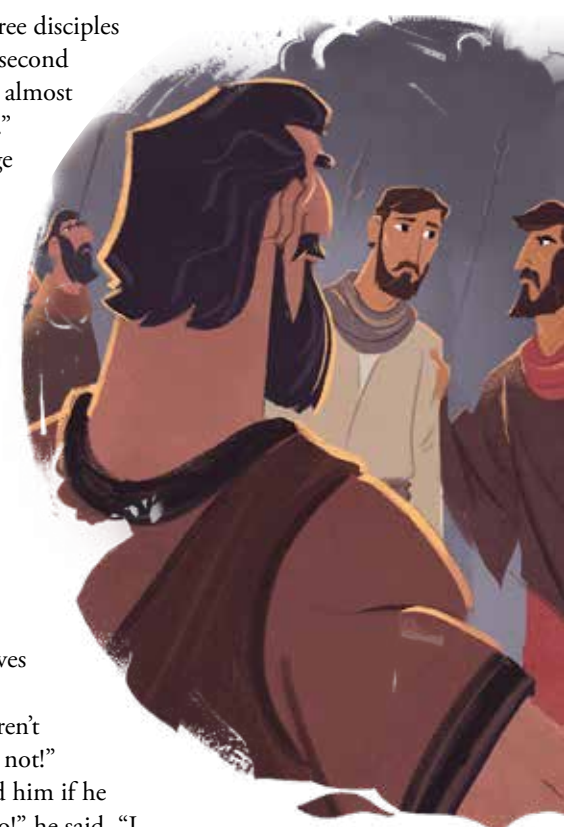
Jesus replied, "Yes, that's right."

Caiaphas and the religious leaders did not want to believe that Jesus is God's Son. They said Jesus was lying. The crowd said, "He deserves to die!"

A servant saw Peter and asked, "Aren't you one of Jesus' disciples?" "No, I'm not!" Peter said. Twice more someone asked him if he was a follower of Jesus. Peter lied. "No!" he said. "I don't even know Him!"

The next morning, the religious leaders decided how they would kill Jesus. Then they took Him to Pilate, the governor.

Christ Connection: Jesus knew that His death was God's plan to save people from sin. Jesus' friends turned against Him and He was arrested and put on trial, but Jesus followed His Father's plan in order to bring salvation to the world.



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