

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What caused Judas to betray Jesus after spending so much time with Him?
2. Why did Christ rebuke Peter for using his sword after it was He who asked him to bring it?
3. What can we learn from Peter's reaction and Jesus' response?
4. Do we, as Peter, use certain resources available to us against the Lord's will at times? Give examples.  
How do we determine appropriate use of these resources?
5. This was done according to the fulfillment of which scriptures of the prophets?

### SUMMARY:

Judas, as one of the twelve disciples, was familiar with the habits of Jesus. When Jesus gave him the sop Satan entered his heart and revealed a plan for him to betray Jesus. Judas, knowing Jesus would go to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, told the chief priests this was their opportunity to take Him. "Whomsoever I shall kiss, the same is He: hold Him fast" said Judas. (Matthew 26:48) As the multitude approached Jesus and the disciples, Judas betrayed Jesus with a kiss. As they laid hands on Jesus, Peter drew a sword and cut off an ear of one of the servants of the High Priest. Jesus, not willing to defend Himself or be defended with force, rebuked Peter and healed the servant's ear. Jesus reminded them all that He could pray to the Father and receive the protection of twelve legions of angels, but then how could the scriptures be fulfilled? Then as they bound Him and led Him away, His disciples forsook Him.

### NOTES:

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #8

February 19, 2023

First Quarter

### THE KING ARRESTED

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**LESSON TEXT:** *Matthew 26:47-56*

**LESSON SETTING:** Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane outside Jerusalem after the last supper accompanied by His disciples.

**TIME:** About 33 A.D. The night before Jesus died on the cross.

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#### I. **BASE BETRAYAL.** Matthew 26:47-50

- A. Hypocrisy (vs. 49) Matthew 23, 28; Luke 6:46; Titus 1:16
- B. Evil Kiss. (vs. 49) 2 Samuel 15:5; Proverbs 27:6
- C. Unfaithfulness. Matthew 21:43; 25:24-25

#### II. **CARNAL DEFENSE.** Matthew 26:51-52

- A. Peter's Impulsiveness (vs. 51) Matthew 14:28; 17:4; John 18:10; 21:7
- B. Jesus' Rebuke (vs. 52) Matthew 14:31; 17:17; Mark 4:40
- C. Retaliation Forbidden (vs. 52) Genesis 9:6; Proverbs 20:22; Matthew 5:39; 1 Peter 3:9

#### III. **WILLING SUBMISSION.** Matthew 26:53-56

- A. Power Available (vs. 53) Matthew 28:18; John 10:18
- B. Suffering Foretold (vs. 54) Mark 8:31; Luke 22:37; John 3:14
- C. Suffering Accepted. Isaiah 53:7; John 18:11; 1 Peter 2:23
- D. Forsaken (vs. 56) Matthew 27:46; John 6:66; John 16:32; 1 John 2:19

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**GOLDEN TEXT: WOE TO THAT MAN BY WHOM THE SON OF MAN IS BETRAYED.** Mark 14:21

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Matthew 26:57-68

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Psalm 69:6-20; Mark 14:53-65;  
John 18:12; 19-24

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Christ - King and Savior

**TOPIC:** THE KING ON TRIAL

**INTRODUCTION:**

When Jesus was brought before the high priest, elders and scribes, we are told in Matthew 26:59, they sought false witnesses. What sort of trial did they expect to have? They surely could not justify themselves if they had to resort to false witnesses. But being sinful themselves, they cared little what means were used to condemn Jesus, just so He would be killed and put out of their way. The few words that Jesus spoke at His trial were called blasphemy and they used this means to condemn Him.

They mocked Him, spit in His face, buffeted and smote Him. Don't we do the same today when He calls us and pleads with us to accept Him, but in self-righteousness we reject Him? How heart-rending to see Him plead with those who again put Him on trial and condemn Him. Dear friend, turn to Him and accept Him as your Savior and Lord before it is too late!

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** Being untrue to Christ leads to terrible consequences.

**GOLDEN TEXT: HE CAME UNTO HIS OWN AND HIS OWN RECEIVED HIM NOT.**

John 1:11

The leaders of the Jews in Christ's time felt that they were the "children of Abraham", the people of God who had the Law of Moses. In their self-righteousness they rejected the Son of God, who was to be the Savior of men. At the preaching of John the Baptist, they thought that the need of repentance surely did not apply to them. When they would not receive their promised Redeemer they lost the chance to have the "power to become the sons of God."

Now the opportunity to receive Christ and become the children of God is offered to all. We have the same choice to accept or reject Him. If we continue to reject Him we will be counted as those who demanded that He be crucified.

Shall I crucify my Saviour,  
When for me He bore such loss?  
Shall I put to shame my Saviour?  
Can I nail Him to the cross?

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Feb. 20 – 26**

Mon. The King Reproached. Psalm 69:6-20  
Tue. \*The King on Trial. Matthew 26:57-68  
Wed. Mark's Story of the Trial. Mark 14:53-65  
Thu. Luke's Story of the Trial. Luke 22:63-71  
Fri. John's Story of the Trial. John 18:19-24  
Sat. The Disciples on Trial. Acts 4:5-14  
Sun. Paul on Trial. Acts 23:1-10

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