



## Unit .26

### Session .04

# Jesus Is Arrested

## Scripture



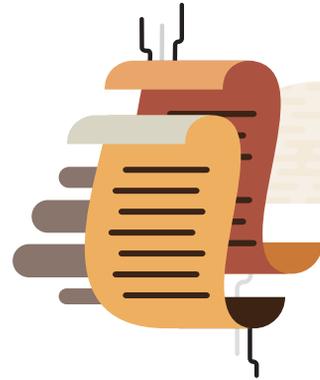
## Mark 14:32-36, 43-49,53,60-64

**32** Then they came to a place named Gethsemane, and he told his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” **33** He took Peter, James, and John with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. **34** He said to them, “I am deeply grieved to the point of death. Remain here and stay awake.” **35** He went a little farther, fell to the ground, and prayed that if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. **36** And he said, “*Abba*, Father! All things are possible for you. Take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, not what I will, but what you will.” ... **43** While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, suddenly arrived. With him was a mob, with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. **44** His betrayer had given them a signal. “The one I kiss,” he said, “he’s the one; arrest him and take him away under guard.” **45** So when he came, immediately he went up to Jesus and said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. **46** They took hold of him and arrested him. **47** One of those who stood by drew his sword, struck the high

priest’s servant, and cut off his ear. **48** Jesus said to them, “Have you come out with swords and clubs, as if I were a criminal, to capture me? **49** Every day I was among you, teaching in the temple, and you didn’t arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled.” ... **53** They led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes assembled. ... **60** Then the high priest stood up before them all and questioned Jesus, “Don’t you have an answer to what these men are testifying against you?” **61** But he kept silent and did not answer. Again the high priest questioned him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?” **62** “I am,” said Jesus, “and you will see the **Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.**” **63** Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “Why do we still need witnesses? **64** You have heard the blasphemy. What is your decision?” They all condemned him as deserving death.

**What does this scene teach us about the humanity of Jesus? Why is it important to affirm Jesus' humanity?**

**What does Jesus' commitment to the Father's plan teach us about Him?**



## 99 Essential Doctrines

### God is Unchanging

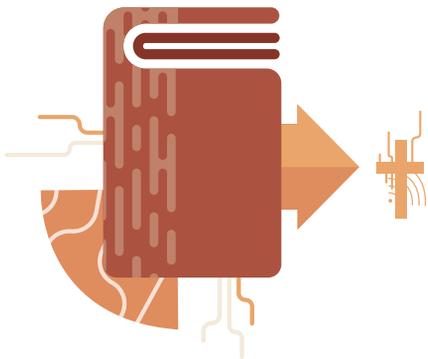
God's being and attributes, along with the ethical commitments He has given, cannot change. This means, among other things, that God is committed to being God and that He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. God's unchanging nature is good news for Christians, for it guarantees that God does not change His mind or go back on His promises. Christians can find assurance and peace of mind in knowing that the God who brought them out of darkness into His marvelous light is the God who will carry them through into eternity.

**Main Point**  
**Jesus was sent by the  
Father to face judgment  
for our sins.**

**What are some ways you have witnessed betrayal? How do people usually respond to betrayal?**

**Why do the promises of God in Scripture have the ability to ground us during times of emotional crisis?**

**What are some occasions in our own lives in which we can follow in Jesus' example and show restraint even when we are persecuted or treated unfairly for our faith?**



## Christ Connection

In the garden of Eden, Adam failed to resist the serpent and chose instead to follow His way over God's. In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus, the second Adam, submitted fully to His Father's purpose and plan and willingly submitted to death upon the cross. Jesus demonstrated His identity as the Son of God through both His words and actions when He was betrayed, arrested, and put on trial.



## Head

**What does this account teach us about the wrath of God against sin?**

**What does this account teach us about the love of God for sinners?**



## Heart

**How does Jesus' response in the face of suffering show us how to respond to our suffering?**

**What should our response be to Jesus' obedience to the Father's plan?**



## Hands

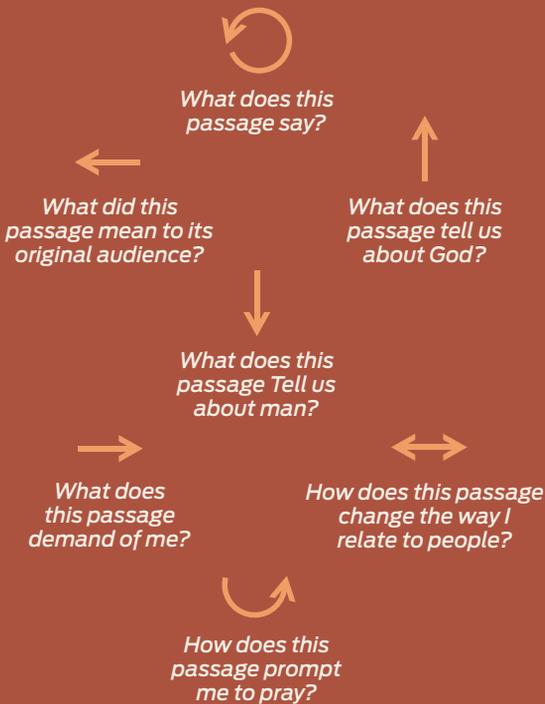
**What are some Christian topics that the larger culture would prefer Christians not speak about?**

**How does this lesson challenge our mindset when dealing with opposition from the culture?**

# Daily Devotions



## The 7 Arrows of Bible Reading



Day 1

## Mark 14:27-31

The disciples were so certain that they would never fall away and would always have Jesus' back. Peter dug his heels in the most, but Jesus doubled down (paraphrase): "even you will deny knowing Me three times!" Peter and the rest deny the very possibility—they can't imagine betraying Him.

Before we are tempted to look shamefully upon Peter and the others for their inevitable cowardice, we should consider how often we are tempted to abandon our allegiance to Jesus under pressure.

The good news is that although we fail Jesus all the time, He never fails us.

**In what areas of life can you be a witness to the gospel rather than abandoning your allegiance to Jesus?**

# Mark 14:32-42

There is a jarring contrast in Jesus' disposition between these verses and the ones that came before. Up to this point, Jesus has shown a remarkable sense of controlled confidence. In fact, His calm dignity stirred up awe and amazement among those He encountered. Even when predicting His own death, there wasn't the slightest hint of dread or trepidation.

In the Garden of Gethsemane, something changed. The mighty Messiah is suddenly found calling out to the Father, pleading to be spared from the cup of His wrath. Jesus was so gripped by the horror of this looming suffering that the weight of it dropped Him to His knees.

Luke tells us that this sudden weakness was so fierce that the God the Father was moved to send an angel to assist Jesus (22:43). Jesus is the Lord over all the heavens and its creatures, yet one of those creatures is dispatched to strengthen and sustain Him.

This remarkable display of humility reveals the great lengths the Messiah went through to save sinners like you and me.

**What does the weight of Jesus' agony say about the weight of God's wrath against our sin?**

# Mark 14:43-52

The gravity of Judas' betrayal cannot be missed. He was one of the inner twelve, a chosen disciple of Jesus. Imagine how the other disciples must have felt when one of their own, a teammate and fellow soldier in the trenches of ministry, just does the unthinkable and betrays Jesus for a lump of extra cash.

Jesus is in the Garden of Gethsemane, a quiet place of prayer, and this is the place that Judas leads a mob to arrest him.

Imagine a pastor of your church going in for his regularly scheduled quiet time of prayer, and one of His staff members decides to betray him. Knowing exactly when and where the pastor would be for his private prayer time, he leads a mob there. It's the most tragic level of treachery.

And for what? A few pieces of silver and the respect of the hypocrites in power. Judas was more driven by his horizontal consequences than he was by his vertical ones.

**In what ways are you tempted to be more concerned by your relationships with others than by your relationship with God?**

# Mark 14:53-65

The main prosecuting charge here is that Jesus threatened to destroy the temple, which, of course, would be an act of vandalism and blasphemy. However, Jesus never actually said that. He predicted the temple would be destroyed, but He never actually called for it to be destroyed.

It becomes clear that Jesus' enemies have to come up with an intricate web of lies to try and make their case against Him; even still, they can't seem to keep their stories straight. It's a mockery of the justice system.

The irony lays on thick as they continue to judge the one who is the righteous Judge of all men. Although He is the very embodiment of Truth, they condemn Him on false charges.

Why would Jesus submit Himself to such shameful indignity at the hands of His sinful creatures? Because He was motivated by His love for the Father and for sinners like you and me.

**Jesus warned us in John 15:20 that we should not expect better treatment than He. Describe the last time you were ridiculed or mocked for your faith in Christ.**

# Mark 14:66-15:5

The events of these verses take place in the courtyard below (v. 54). Peter was a man who walked with Jesus for three years. He spent almost every waking hour with Jesus from the moment he was called by Him. He learned the Scriptures by sitting at Jesus' feet. He witnessed the kingdom of God by standing next to Jesus as He performed miracle after miracle. He was invited into the inner circle of Jesus; in fact, he was one of only three men invited by Jesus to pray with Him in Gethsemane. It was there that he told Jesus, "even if others deny you, I never will."

This Peter denies Jesus three times in these verses. Upstairs, Jesus declared who He truly is; although He's losing His life over it, he is winning the pleasure of the Father. Peter cowardly and shamefully denies his own relationship with Jesus; he is in danger of losing everything because of it.

The good news for Peter is there is grace for sinners (even momentary betrayers) in Jesus Christ. Peter went from denying Jesus at His death to preaching at Pentecost after Jesus' ascension.

**Have you ever felt unworthy of God's grace because of the ways you've sinned against him? How does Peter's story comfort you?**