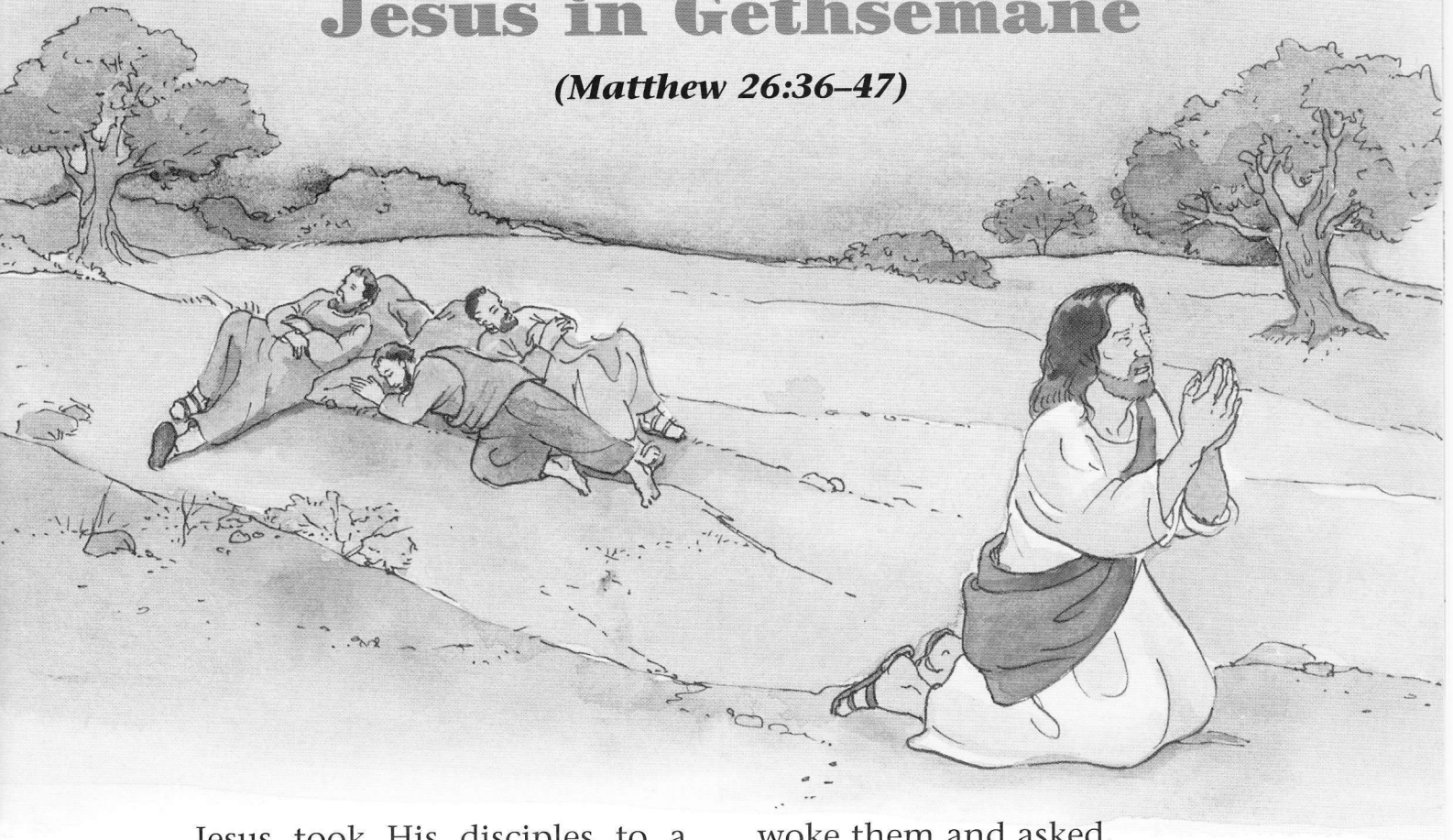


Jesus in Gethsemane

(Matthew 26:36-47)



Jesus took His disciples to a garden called Gethsemane. He told them,

"Stay here while I pray."

Then He led Peter, James, and John farther into the garden. Jesus said,

"I feel so sad. My sadness feels like a heavy burden. Stay here and watch with Me."

Jesus left His three friends and walked even farther into the garden. All alone, Jesus fell to the ground and prayed:

"O My Father, please help Me. Is there any other way to save Your people? If so, please keep Me from having to suffer and die, taking all their sins upon Me. But do what You will, not what I want."

Jesus went back and found that His friends had fallen asleep. Jesus

woke them and asked,

"Can't you watch with Me for even one hour? Please stay awake and pray so you won't fall into sin."

Jesus walked away again. He prayed,

"Father, I will do what You want Me to do."

Jesus went back to Peter, James, and John. Again He found them sleeping. So Jesus went to pray for a third time. He said,

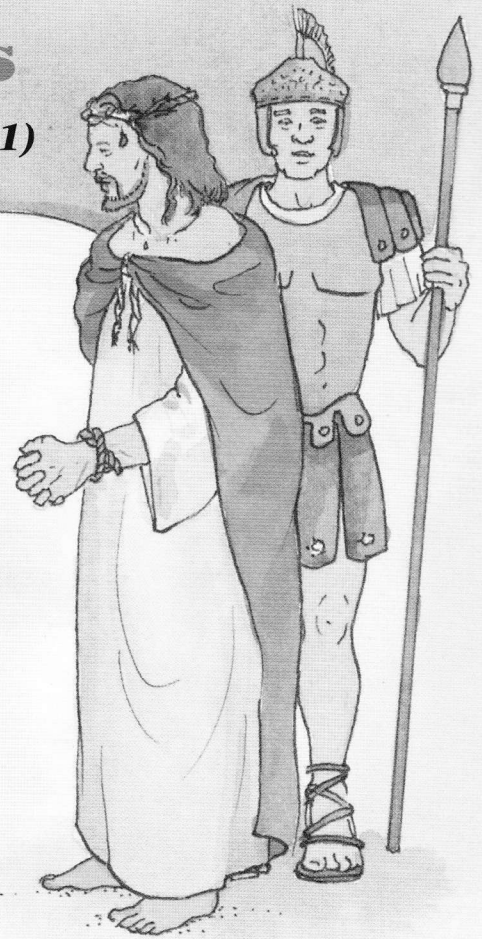
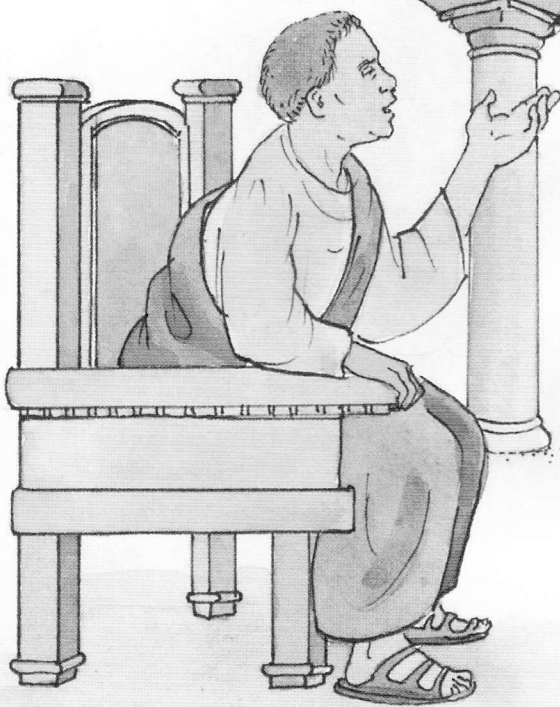
"Father, I will do Your will."

Then Jesus saw His enemies coming with torches and swords to capture Him. It was the time for Him to suffer and die to redeem us from sin and save us for eternity. Jesus said to His disciples,

"Get up. My time has come. My enemies approach. Look, here they come now."

Jesus' Trials

(Matthew 26:57-68; 27:11-31)



Soldiers arrested Jesus in Gethsemane and took Him to the high priest's house. Jesus' enemies gathered there. They tried to find a reason to have Jesus killed. But He had done nothing wrong.

The high priest asked, "Are You the Christ, the Son of God?"

Jesus answered, "Yes, it is as you say!"

The high priest became angry and shouted, "This man speaks lies against God. He deserves to die."

Jesus' enemies took Him to Pilate, the Roman governor. Pilate asked Jesus, "Are You the king of the Jews?"

"It is as you say," Jesus replied. "But My kingdom is not of this world."

The priests and leaders shouted, "He lies! Crucify Him!" When Pilate heard the shouts of

angry men, he wondered why Jesus did not speak against them. Pilate asked Jesus, "Don't You hear what they are saying about You?"

But Jesus said nothing.

Pilate knew Jesus was innocent. But he was afraid of the angry mob of people. He tried to think of a way to set Jesus free. He gave the people a choice, "Whom shall I set free? Jesus or Barabbas, a dangerous criminal?"

Everyone shouted, "Give us Barabbas."

"Then what shall I do with Jesus?" asked Pilate.

"Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" came the shouts from the crowd. Pilate washed his hands as if to say he would have nothing to do with this matter. Then he gave Jesus to the soldiers to be whipped and nailed to a cross.

True or False?

Color the square blue if the statement is true.
Color the square yellow if the statement is false.

- ☐ 1. Jesus was not strong enough to fight the soldiers who captured Him.
- ☐ 2. Pilate knew that Jesus had done nothing wrong.
- ☐ 3. Jesus is the Son of God.
- ☐ 4. Jesus did not defend Himself because He was willing to suffer and die.
- ☐ 5. The high priest hated Jesus because Jesus told lies.
- ☐ 6. We are guilty of doing wrong things.
- ☐ 7. Jesus hated the priests and teachers.
- ☐ 8. God punished Jesus for the sins of the whole world.

Directions: What color did you use for number 1 above? Use that same color on all the number 1s below. Follow this pattern with each number. You will find the answer to this question: **For whom did Jesus suffer and die?**

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