

# Holy Week and God's Plan of Salvation

## Thursday Night/Friday Morning: The Arrest and Unfair Trial

Jesus was perfect. He never sinned. He loved all people more than we can imagine. Who could accuse Jesus of doing wrong? But the Jews did accuse Him, and the Romans helped. But that was God's plan. God wanted Jesus accused, condemned to die, and crucified. That was all part of His plan to save us and forgive our sins. Here are some questions to think about while we study.

1. Who was really accusing Jesus of sin? The Jews? Romans? God?
2. Was Jesus trapped (stuck) and must die, or did He go willingly?

### Jesus Goes Out to Pray

Read Mark 14:26-31 (1279). Jesus warned the disciples again that He will die. He warned them that they will all leave. But even though they leave, will Jesus leave them? What promise did Jesus give (verse 28)?

One man, \_\_\_\_\_, said he will never leave Jesus. Jesus told him that night, before the \_\_\_\_\_ crows twice, he will deny Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ times.

Read Mark 14:32-42. Jesus took all the disciples to a garden named Gethsemane. He took three disciples inside the garden with Him. Jesus knew soon He will get arrested, abused, and crucified. How did Jesus feel (verses 33-34)?

What did Jesus ask God the Father (verses 35-36). Did Jesus want to die? What did Jesus want most?

Look at Jesus' prayer and what He wanted. How can that teach us to pray? When we pray, we can learn to \_\_\_\_\_ what God \_\_\_\_\_.

Who did Jesus take with Him? Why did Jesus bring them and want them to stay awake? Did they help Jesus?

### **Jesus Is Arrested**

Read Mark 14:43-50 (1279). One of Jesus' disciples, Judas, betrayed Jesus. He showed the Jews where they could arrest Jesus. Did Jesus try to stop him? Why not?

How did one disciple try to help Jesus? What did Jesus say about that? Read Matthew 26:51-54 (1250).

Why did the Jews arrest Jesus at night? Why not in the temple during the day?

### **Jesus on Trial**

Read Mark 14:53-65 (1280). The Jews put Jesus on trial, but it was not a fair trial. They broke many of their own laws about trials. Look at these examples.

1. The law required the Jews to first gather witnesses to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus, then \_\_\_\_\_ Him. But the Jews first arrested Jesus, then looked for a way to accuse Him.
2. A trial at \_\_\_\_\_ was illegal.
3. Read Deuteronomy 19:15 (226). A person could be put to death only with \_\_\_\_\_ or more witnesses agreeing. (compare with Mark 14:56.)

Did Jesus complain that His trial wasn't fair?

The Jews could not find any reason to kill Jesus. Finally, the high priest asked Jesus an important question. What did he ask? What did Jesus answer? Who is Jesus?

What did the Jewish leaders do to Jesus? What did Jesus do back against them?

Did Jesus do anything to defend Himself? Read Mark 14:66-72 (1280). Was anyone else there to defend Jesus? How is that part of Jesus' work to save us?