

MARK 14:32-72 (NASB)

³² They came to a place named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, "Sit here until I have prayed."

³³ And He took with Him Peter and James and John, and began to be very distressed and troubled. ³⁴ And He said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved to the point of death; remain here and keep watch." ³⁵ And He went a little beyond *them*, and fell to the ground and *began* to pray that if it were possible, the hour might pass Him by. ³⁶ And He was saying, "Abba! Father! All things are possible for You; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what You will."

³⁷ And He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? ³⁸ Keep watching and praying that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." ³⁹ Again He went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰ And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to answer Him. ⁴¹ And He came the third time, and *said* to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough; the hour has come; behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴² Get up, let us be going; behold, the one who betrays Me is at hand!"

⁴³ Immediately while He was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, came up accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs, *who were* from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. ⁴⁴ Now he who was betraying Him had given them a signal, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the one; seize Him and lead Him away ^lunder guard." ⁴⁵ After coming, Judas immediately went to Him, saying, "Rabbi!" and kissed Him. ⁴⁶ They laid hands on Him and seized Him. ⁴⁷ But one of those who stood by drew his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest and ^lcut off his ear. ⁴⁸ And Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me, as *you would* against a robber? ⁴⁹ Every day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me; but *this has taken place* to fulfill the Scriptures." ⁵⁰ And they all left Him and fled.

⁵¹ A young man was following Him, wearing *nothing* but a linen sheet over *his* naked *body*; and they seized

him. ⁵² But he pulled free of the linen sheet and escaped naked.

⁵³ They led Jesus away to the high priest; and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes **gathered* together. ⁵⁴ Peter had followed Him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the officers and warming himself at the fire. ⁵⁵ Now the chief priests and the whole Council kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, and they were not finding any. ⁵⁶ For many were giving false testimony against Him, but their testimony was not consistent. ⁵⁷ Some stood up and *began* to give false testimony against Him, saying, ⁵⁸ "We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands.'" ⁵⁹ Not even in this respect was their testimony consistent. ⁶⁰ The high priest stood up *and came* forward and questioned Jesus, saying, "Do You not answer? What is it that these men are testifying against You?" ⁶¹ But He kept silent and did not answer. Again the high priest was questioning Him, and saying to Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?" ⁶² And Jesus said, "I am; and you shall see THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, and COMING WITH THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN." ⁶³ Tearing his clothes, the high priest said, "What further need do we have of witnesses? ⁶⁴ You have heard the blasphemy; how does it seem to you?" And they all condemned Him to be deserving of death. ⁶⁵ Some began to spit at Him, and to blindfold Him, and to beat Him with their fists, and to say to Him, "Prophecy!" And the officers received Him with slaps *in the face*.

⁶⁶ As Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came, ⁶⁷ and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Nazarene." ⁶⁸ But he denied *it*, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are talking about." And he went out onto the porch. ⁶⁹ The servant-girl saw him, and began once more to say to the bystanders, "This is *one* of them!" ⁷⁰ But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders were again saying to Peter, "Surely you are *one* of them, for you are a Galilean

too.” ⁷¹ But he began to curse and swear, “I do not know this man you are talking about!” ⁷² Immediately a rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had made the remark to him, “Before a rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times.” And he began to weep.

Opening Discussion Questions

- a. Recall an extremely stressful time for you.
- b. What’s a time when you felt embarrassed or ashamed in public?

Bible Study Questions

1. What differences do you see between Jesus in the Garden with Peter, James and John and when he took them to a mountain? (Mark 9:2-9, *Ex 24:9-17)

2. What are the major points to take away from the account of Jesus’s prayer in the Garden?

3. What happened when Jesus was arrested? What did Jesus say about his arrest?

4. Why do you think Jesus was silent when He was being accused? What did Jesus say when they asked Him if He was the Christ? (Ex 3:14, John 5:17-23)

5. What can be learned from the behavior of Jesus’ accusers? What were their responses to Jesus’ statement?

6. What does Peter do when they accuse him of being with Jesus? Is there an area in your life where you’d like the church to pray for you where you are weak like Peter? (*Matt 10:33, Mark 8:38)
