

THE ARREST

READ FOR YOURSELF: *John 14:1-31 and Matthew 26:36-56*

Later that evening, Jesus and his disciples leave the city.
Judas isn't with them...

I'm going to leave you, but the Father will send his holy Spirit to you. He'll help you and will always be with you.

You know the way to the place I'm going.

I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father unless he comes through me.

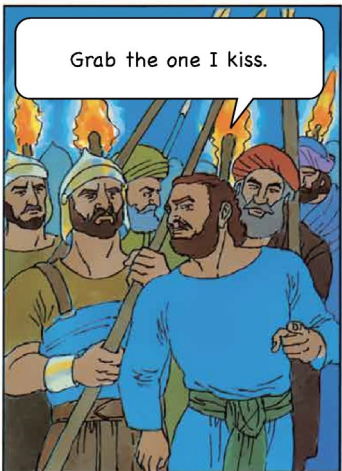
You stay here. I am going a little further to pray.

My Father, if it's possible, take this suffering away from me.

But not my will but your will must be done!



How can you sleep now?
Get up! Look, my betrayer is here.



Grab the one I kiss.



Hello Master!

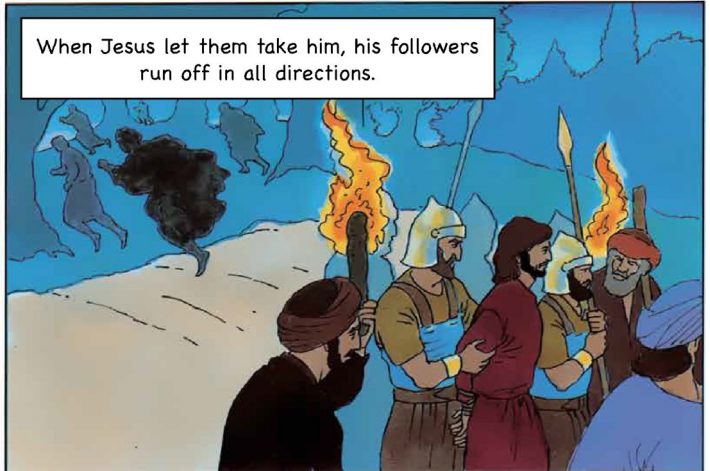
Judas, are you betraying the messiah with a kiss?



Lord, shall we fight?



Stop!



When Jesus let them take him, his followers run off in all directions.



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Jesus and His disciples are celebrating the last supper in the upper room in Jerusalem. In closing they sing Psalms 115-118. Traditional these Psalms are sung at the end of the Passover meal. Then they leave the city. They go to a quiet place, a garden. This garden lies below the Olive Mountain and is called Gethsemane. This means 'olive press'.

Jesus wants to pray here in silence. He does this often at night. But this time His prayer is really intense. He struggles with the question of how He can fulfil Gods purpose. How He can obey till death.

Obeying can be really hard, especially when the other person asks you to do something difficult. If you love the one who asks something hard of you, obeying becomes quite different. Even when it is a hard command, you are able to do it happily, because you can do it out of love.

That is also how it is between God the Father and Jesus, Gods Son. The Lord Jesus has the hardest command in history ahead of Him. The Lord God asks Him to suffer and to die so that He can take the sins of all people on Himself. And He obeys to go, because of His love for the Father. *"But the world must know that I love the Father; that is why I do everything as He commands me"* (John 14:31).

MEMORY VERSE

"My Father will love those who love Me."
(John 14:21b)

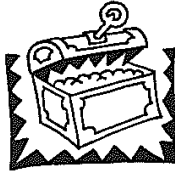
WHO IS JESUS?

Brother

"Those whom God had already chosen He also set apart to become like His Son, so that the Son would be the eldest brother in a large family."
(Romans 8:29)

Jesus is the way to the Father. He became like us to be able to bring us to the Father. Thanks to the Lord Jesus you and I have received the same Father as He, and because of this we belong in His family. We are brothers and sisters of Jesus!

"That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them His family." (Hebrews 2:11b).



NOT WHAT YOU WANT, BUT WHAT GOD WANTS

Love and obedience go together. If you love the Lord Jesus, then you will gladly do what He asks of you. That is why He says:

"If you love me, you will obey My commandments" (John 14:15).

If you love God then you have faith that He has the best in store for you. God's Spirit will lead you to do what He wants.

TIP

Not what you want, but what God wants you to do will make you happy. Say what Jesus said: *"Not what I want, but what You want!"*

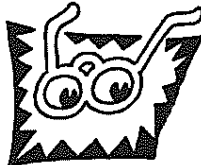
OLD TREASURES

In the Psalms (that were written 1000 years before Jesus) it already shows that the Messiah is still a very young man when He struggles with God's command to suffer and die.

"O God, do not take Me away now before I grow old. O Lord, you live forever; long ago you created the earth, and with Your own hands You made the heavens" (Psalm 102:24-25).

From Luke 3:23 we know that Jesus begins to teach in public when He is approximately 30 years old. Three years later He is arrested, and all of His friends forsake Him. God had already foreseen this as well. It is written in Zechariah, a book that was written about 520 years before Christ.

"The Lord Almighty says, "Wake up, sword, and attack the Shepherd who works for Me!" (Zechariah 13:7a).



EXTRA INFORMATION

Justice and order

The Romans are the boss in Israel. But the Jewish High Court (the Sanhedrin) must help to keep order in Jerusalem. For this reason the Jewish leaders have a temple guard under their authority, and if it is necessary Roman soldiers. The temple guard is armed with sticks. The Roman soldiers have swords. The High Council may pass judgement themselves. If however the death sentence is involved, the Roman officials must have to sign and carry out the death sentence.



DO YOU KNOW...?

1. What is the name of the garden where Jesus goes to pray and what does that name mean?

2. Why does Jesus do exactly what God the Father asks of Him:

- a) Because He is scared to make mistakes.
- b) Because He wants to be a good person.
- c) Because He loves the Father.

3. With what words does Jesus end His struggle in prayer (Matthew 26:39)?

4. How does Judas show the soldiers whom they must arrest?

5. What does "a Judas kiss" mean:

- a) a deed of betrayal.
- b) a false bite.
- c) a man kisses another man.

6. What does Jesus sweat when He is praying in Gethsemane (Luke 22:44)?

7. Why are we called brothers of Jesus (Hebrews 2:11)?

BIBLE READING

Sun	John 14:1-14
Mon	John 14:15-31
Tue	Matthew 26:36-46
Wed	Matthew 26:46-56
Thu	Hebrews 2:10-15
Fri	Psalms 40:5-9
Sat	Hebrews 5:7-9



ACTION POINT!

Maybe you need to do something difficult? Talk to God about it!

Thank Him that He loves you. That He will help you. You can always trust that He will take care for the right outcome.