

Lesson 6: Betrayal

Today's Bible Story

After the Last Supper, when Jesus had finished praying, he and his disciples went out of the city and crossed the Kidron Valley. They went to a garden named Gethsemane (*geth-SEM-a-nee*).

At this same time, the disciple Judas had gone to the religious leaders to betray Jesus. He promised to show them where Jesus would be so they could arrest him. So, Judas went to the garden, along with soldiers and temple police, who had been sent by the chief priests. They carried torches, lanterns, and weapons.

Jesus already knew everything that was going to happen. When the soldiers came, he said, "Who are you looking for?"

They answered, "Which one of you is Jesus of Nazareth?"

Jesus said, "I am!" When Jesus said this, they all backed away and fell to the ground. So Jesus again asked, "Who are you looking for?"

"We are looking for Jesus from Nazareth," they answered nervously.

This time Jesus replied, "I have already told you that I am he. If I am the one you are looking for, let these others go."

Just then, Simon Peter came forward to defend Jesus. He pulled out a sword and struck at the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus (*MAL-kuss*).

Jesus ordered Peter, "Put your sword away. I must drink from the cup that the Father has given me."

Jesus healed the injured servant. Then soldiers arrested Jesus and carried him off to the authorities to be put on trial.



From John 18:1-14

Bible Rhyme

When the meal and prayers had ended,
to the garden they descended.
Judas knew where they would stay.
He came his Master to betray.

The place was entered by police, as
they said, "Which of you is Jesus?"
"I am," Jesus let them know.
"So you must let these others go."

Peter tried to start a fight,
but Jesus knew that wasn't right.
"I must do what God has said."
And to his trial Christ was led.

Holy Week is the time we set aside each year in the church to remember the last week of Jesus' life. To get a better idea of the order in which things happened in those days, match the events in the left column with the list of days in the right column by drawing a line between them. Remember that several things happened on the same days.

Events

- 1) Jesus rose from the grave and appeared to his followers.
- 2) Jesus ate his Last Supper with his disciples in the Upper Room.
- 3) Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem, riding on a donkey.
- 4) The disciples hid in fear behind locked doors all day long.
- 5) Judas betrayed Jesus and showed the soldiers where to arrest him.
- 6) People waved palm branches for Jesus and cheered "Hosanna!"
- 7) Jesus was nailed to the cross with a sign that read "The King of the Jews."
- 8) The women went to visit the tomb where Jesus had been buried.
- 9) Jesus was arrested in the garden and taken away to be questioned.
- 10) Jesus died on the cross, saying, "It is finished."

Days of Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY

MAUNDY THURSDAY

GOOD FRIDAY

HOLY SATURDAY

EASTER SUNDAY