

BIBLE STUDY #4: JESUS' LAST NIGHT ON EARTH

HOOK:

1. Think back to the last night you were with someone before you knew you would be saying goodbye for some time. How did you feel? How did you spend that time together?

BOOK: Read Luke 22:39-62.

LOOK:

2. We begin in the Garden of Gethsemane (Vv. 39-46) after Jesus had enjoyed the last supper together with His disciples. He knew what was about to take place and needed this time alone with the Father in the Garden.

Why do you think He told them twice to "pray that you may not enter into temptation" (Vv. 40, 46)? What kind of temptation would they be faced with?

3. What are some observations about His prayers?
4. What was Jesus feeling and why? Describe His emotional state.
5. What was the "cup"? Why did He want the cup removed?
6. Could Jesus have refused the Cross? Why didn't He?
7. As we read the betrayal by Judas in verses 47-53, let's look at the characters present.
 - A. Judas, the traitor –
 - Why do you think he betrayed Jesus? What was the motive?

B. Jews, who arrested Him –

- Why did they want Jesus arrested?
- Why do you think they did this at night and not during the day while Jesus was teaching at the temple?

C. Disciples, who defended Him

- How did the disciples respond to what was going on? Why?

D. Jesus, the victim

- How would you describe Jesus during this time?
- Why did He not fight back?

8. Why do you think Peter followed at a distance as they took Jesus away (v. 54)?

9. Describe Peter's attitude and response each time someone pointed out that he had been with Jesus (Vv. 55-62).

10. Why did Peter not want to be identified with Jesus?

11. What do you think Jesus was trying to communicate to Peter when He turned and looked at him after the rooster crowed (Vv. 60-62)?

TOOK:

12. Is there an area in which you feel vulnerable to temptation? How does prayer keep us from temptation?

13. How would your life be different today had Jesus decided to not go to the Cross?

14. Have you been betrayed by someone you love? How did you respond?

15. Do you struggle with being identified with Christ – identified as a Christian? If so, what is going through your mind? What fears might you have?