

THE LIFE OF
JESUS

Message 34
Betrayal

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► **Outline**

Today's Message based on *The Life of Jesus* – Reading 187
(Matthew 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-52; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:1-12)

"Or do you think that I cannot call on My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? How, then, would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen this way?"
Matthew 26:53-54 (HCSB)

A. Introduction

(Matthew 26:53-54; John 18:1-2)

B. Betrayal observations:

(Matthew 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-52; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:3-12)

1. The mob was _____.
(Matthew 26:47; John 18:3)

2. The betrayer was _____.
(Matthew 26:48-50; Mark 14:44; Luke 22:48)

3. Peter was _____.
(Matthew 26:50,52-54; Luke 22:49,51; John 18:10-11)

4. The followers were _____.
(Matthew 26:55-56; Mark 14:51-52; Luke 22:52-53; John 18:12)

Answers: 1. manipulated 2. bitter 3. impulsive 4. afraid

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from HCSB version (Holman Christian Standard Bible) of *The Holy Bible*. Our resource book for this series is *The Life of Jesus, A Simplified Harmony of the Gospels*, which is available in the Bookstore. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

► Discussion Guide

Use this guide to help you draw closer to God. Try not to rush through these questions, but take time to learn and grow. Ask God to speak to you in His Word. Find a Small Group at brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.

Conversation Starter

Have you seen someone you love being mistreated? Describe the situation. What was that like? How did you respond?

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read *The Life of Jesus*, Reading #187 (this is a harmony of [Matthew 26:47-56](#); [Mark 14:43-52](#); [Luke 22:47-53](#); and [John 18:1-12](#)).

Here's an idea! If you're in a group, take turns reading sections of this story out loud.

1. Study this scene like a detective. Who are the characters? What is the mood? What is the setting? What descriptive details stand out to you? How would you summarize what's happening?
2. Why do you think the religious leaders sent a large, armed group of soldiers to arrest Jesus?
3. Jesus was fully God and fully man. He knew the events of His future, and He felt the pain and darkness of the current moment. Reflect on what this must have felt like. How would you have handled this betrayal and arrest?
4. It was customary to greet a friend with a kiss. What do you think Judas must have been feeling as he leaned in to kiss Jesus and so identify Him as the one to be arrested?

5. Why do you think Jesus called Judas *friend* in [Matthew 26:50a](#)?
6. What motivated Peter to draw his sword? Do you think he was wrong to do that? Why or why not?
7. What was the point of Jesus' response that He could have called down legions of angels if He wanted ([Matthew 26:53-54](#))?
8. What is God showing you about Himself and about yourself from this part of Jesus' story?

Soul Training

Write down two character traits you see in Jesus during His betrayal and arrest. Keep these words in front of you throughout the week, and ask God to help you see when these character traits are needed most. Admit to God that these character traits don't come naturally for you. In humility, ask God to help you be like Jesus.

Memory Verse

Or do you think that I cannot call on My Father, and He will provide Me at once with more than twelve legions of angels? How, then, would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen this way?" [Matthew 26:53-54 \(HCSB\)](#)

Daily Reading

Day	<i>The Life of Jesus</i> Reading #	or Bible Reference
Sept. 25	186	Mat. 26:36-46 ; Mark 14:26, 32-42 ; Luke 22:39-46
Sept. 26	187	Mat. 26:47-56 ; Mark 14:43-52 ; Luke 22:47-53 ; John 18:1-12
Sept. 27	188	John 18:12-14, 19-23
Sept. 28	189	Mat. 26:57-68 ; Mark 14:53-65 ; Luke 22:54, 63-65 ; John 18:24
Sept. 29	190	Mat. 26:58, 69-75 ; Mark 14:54, 66-72 ; Luke 22:54-62 ; John 18:15-18, 25-27

Prepare for Next Sunday

The message for Sunday, October 1, will come from Reading #196 in *The Life of Jesus* (which is the harmonization of [Matthew 27:15-26](#); [Mark 15:6-15](#); [Luke 23:13-25](#); [John 18:39-19:16](#)).