

JESUS PRAYS WHILE THE DISCIPLES SLEEP (vv. 32-42)

There are few places in Scripture where we see our Lord's humanity more vividly on display than we do in these verses. Mark describes the raw emotion Jesus experienced as he faced the cross, and his deep longing for human companionship in the darkness of his final hours.

READ MARK 14:32-42

1. What do we learn about our own humanity as we see our Lord's humanity on display in the Garden of Gethsemane?
2. What does Jesus' longing for human companionship tell us about our need for the body of Christ?
3. What can we learn from Jesus' prayer (v.36)?
4. What can we learn from Jesus' warning to Peter (vv. 37-38)?
5. How do we usually respond when we are overwhelmed by circumstances?

THE MOMENT OF TRUTH (vv. 43-52)

READ MARK 14:43-52

1. What is ironic about the manner in which Judas betrays Jesus?
2. What is ironic about the manner in which the mob sent by the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders approach Jesus?
3. What is ironic about the manner in which the disciples respond to Jesus' arrest (don't overlook the fact that one of them pulled out a sword and cut off someone's ear before they all fled in fear)?
4. Based on this passage, what would you say is our greatest need, when we are overwhelmed by circumstances?



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THE MOMENT OF TRUTH | Mark 15:27-52

The disciples had no idea how quickly events would overtake them as they left the upper room and made their way toward the Garden of Gethsemane.

They boasted of strength, while Jesus found his strength in the Father. They slept, while Jesus prayed. They fled, while Jesus faced the horrors of the cross alone.

In spite of Jesus' warnings, the disciples were far from prepared for the difficulties they were about to experience.

WARNING & DENIAL (vv. 27-31)

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1. It is always a losing proposition to argue with Jesus. Why do you think the disciples argued with Jesus, instead of listening to him?
2. What is particularly striking about Peter's response to Jesus?
3. How should the disciples have responded to Jesus' warning?
4. What are some areas where we tend to argue with Jesus, rather than listen to what he says?
5. How should we respond to Jesus?