

40 When he went back to the disciples, he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "Couldn't you stay awake with me for one hour? **41** Stay awake, and pray that you won't be tempted. You want to do what's right, but you're weak."

42 Then he went away a second time and prayed, "Father, if this cup cannot be taken away unless I drink it, let your will be done."

43 He found them asleep again because they couldn't keep their eyes open.

44 After leaving them again, he went away and prayed the same prayer a third time. **45** Then he came back to the disciples and said to them, "You might as well sleep now. The time is near for the Son of Man to be handed over to sinners. **46** Get up! Let's go! The one who is betraying me is near."

Jesus Is Arrested

47 Just then, while Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve apostles, arrived. A large crowd carrying swords and clubs was with him. They were from the chief priests and leaders of the people. **48** Now, the traitor had given them a signal. He said, "The one I kiss is the man you want. Arrest him!"

49 Then Judas quickly stepped up to Jesus and said, "Hello, Rabbi!" and kissed him.

50 Jesus said to him, "Friend, why are you here?"

Then some men came forward, took hold of Jesus, and arrested him.

51 Suddenly, one of the men with Jesus pulled out his sword and cut off the ear of the chief priest's servant. **52** Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword away! All who use a sword will be killed by a sword. **53** Don't you think that I could call on my Father to send more than twelve legions of angels to help me now?

54 How, then, are the Scriptures to be fulfilled that say this must happen?"

55 At that time Jesus said to the crowd, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as if I were a criminal? I used to sit teaching in the temple courtyard every day. But you didn't arrest me then. **56** All of this has happened so that what the prophets have written would come true."

Then all the disciples abandoned him and ran away.