

GROWTHguide

"The Arrest"

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THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

Mark 14:43-45, John 13:31-32,
Matthew 26:40-54, Luke 22:51, John 18:10
Matthew 26:56, John 3:16

DAY 1

Read [Mark 14:43-45](#)

- What do you think was the meaning behind Judas using a kiss as the way to identify Jesus?
- All throughout the Gospels Jesus is called "Lord" by his disciples except for Judas. How does Judas address Jesus? Why do you think he avoids using the name "Lord" when addressing Jesus?
- Sometimes on our own journey we see our faith and relationship with Jesus as one that is "head" driven versus "heart" driven. There is a difference between knowing the historical Jesus and the facts about his life, and knowing Jesus as "Lord." How do you move toward the latter?

DAY 2

Read [John 13:31-32](#)

- After Judas left, Jesus announced that it was time for his Father to be glorified, and that the Father would glorify Jesus. What does Jesus mean when he uses the word "Glorify"?

- One of the things we know is that Jesus' arrest would make it possible for all to see God's greatness, mercy, grace, forgiveness, and love. How would Jesus show he was the Savior that God sent to earth?
- Why do you think the disciples thought Jesus was to be solely an earthly king and that they would be part of his royal court? Why did they not see the truth?

DAY 3

Read [Matthew 26:40-54](#), [Luke 22:51](#), [John 18:10](#)

- There is something important about John being the only disciple to mention that it was Peter who drew the sword and cut off the ear of the slave. Why was it significant for him to mention Peter by name when the others didn't?
- Jesus heals the slave and restores his severed ear. Why do you think he chose to do this? What did it accomplish?
- Jesus has power at his disposal but chooses not to use it. Why didn't Jesus call upon the angelic army to come and destroy the oppressors once and for all?
- Power comes into play in so many of our life situations. It is clear that none of the men who came that night to arrest Jesus had power over him, and yet Jesus was indeed arrested, tortured and killed on the cross. Why is it so important to understand Jesus made a choice to allow them to do what they did?

DAY 4

Read [Matthew 26:56](#)

- The disciples abandoned Jesus. Why in his greatest hour of need would they do that? How have you

abandoned Jesus?

- It is important to note that Jesus was able to submit to the Father's will. Why would he have to suffer so greatly?
- Submission is one of the key attributes of being a disciple and follower of God. To submit means you place total trust in someone else. Would you want to submit to someone you did not trust? Why? Why not?
- Jesus knew the Father well because he spent time with him. How can you begin to follow that example and allow it to be your own?

DAY 5

Read [John 3:16](#)

- When you read this passage, what comes to mind?
- Why was it so important for God to demonstrate his love in this way?
- In the arrest story we have been studying this week, it is important to note that Jesus willingly gave himself up for the arrest versus being forced. What does this say about God's character?

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