

## JESUS PRAYS AT GETHSEMANE

Mark 14:27-52

Key Verse: 14:36

### \* JESUS PREDICTS PETER'S DENIAL (27-31)

1. According to Jesus, how would this word from Zechariah 13:7 be fulfilled? What double promise did Jesus give his disciples? (28) How could this promise help them overcome failure and despair, and give hope?
2. How did they respond to Jesus' words? What specific prediction did Jesus make about Peter? (30) Why wouldn't Peter listen? What hope did Jesus have for him, in spite of his weakness? (Lk 22:31,32)

### \* AT GETHSEMANE (32-42)

3. Read verses 32-34. Whom did Jesus take with him to the place of prayer? What did he tell them? Why was he so sorrowful? What did he ask them to do? What does this reveal about Jesus' humanness?
4. Why did Jesus have to struggle and suffer so much even before dying on the cross? (Heb 2:18; Ro 7:21-24) Why was he lonely? (34b,37,40) Why did the disciples sleep instead of pray?
5. Read verses 35-36 (39). What did Jesus pray? What did he mean by "the hour"; by "this cup"? What was his one main prayer topic?
6. How does his prayer show the inner conflict between the will of God and human desire? What can we learn from Jesus' prayer about the nature of the spiritual battle? Why was this spiritual battle necessary for Jesus and for us? (Heb 5:8-9)
7. How did Jesus address God in his prayer? What does this show about his relationship with God and his assurance of God's love? Read verses 41-42. What was Jesus' attitude after prayer? How is his spiritual victory revealed?

### \* JESUS ARRESTED (43-52)

8. Read verses 43-46. Who was Judas and how did he participate in Jesus' arrest? What was the result of his following Jesus without any commitment to him?
9. What did those standing near Jesus do when the mob grabbed Jesus? What did Jesus say and do? What made him so able to control the situation, in contrast with his disciples? (47-49)
10. What did the disciples do? How did they fulfill prophecy? (27; 50) What did one nameless young spectator do? Who do you think he might have been? (51,52)