

Power Words
Passion – Mar. 18, 2018
FP Small Group Study Guide

Matthew 26:47-67 New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Arrested

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.” ⁴⁹ Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.

⁵⁰ Jesus replied, “Do what you came for, friend.”^[a]

Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. ⁵¹ With that, one of Jesus’ companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

⁵² “Put your sword back in its place,” Jesus said to him, “for all who draw the sword will die by the sword.

⁵³ Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?”

⁵⁵ In that hour Jesus said to the crowd, “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. ⁵⁶ But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Jesus Before the Sanhedrin

⁵⁷ Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. ⁵⁸ But Peter followed him at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome.

⁵⁹ The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death. ⁶⁰ But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward.

Finally two came forward ⁶¹ and declared, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.’”

⁶² Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?” ⁶³ But Jesus remained silent.

The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."

⁶⁴ "You have said so," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."^[b]

⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy. ⁶⁶ What do you think?"

"He is worthy of death," they answered.

⁶⁷ Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him

Footnotes:

1. [Matthew 26:50](#) Or "*Why have you come, friend?*"
2. [Matthew 26:64](#) See Psalm 110:1; Daniel 7:13.

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1. What topics/ideas/things in our lives are we most passionate about? When something you feel passionate about is threatened, what strategies can you use to react calmly? How do you normally react?
 2. Read Matthew 26: 47-67
 3. Judas was part of Jesus's group. Do you think he had the right motives for being there? What made Judas do what he did?
 4. Were the people right to accuse an innocent man? What were Jesus's followers doing?
 5. What does Scripture say regarding events in verses 54 and 56?
 6. What made the earthly "religious rulers" hate Jesus so much?
 7. How did Jesus respond to the questions directed at him?
 8. What gave Jesus the strength to go through a hateful trial, the heartbreak of loved ones denying him, and a horrific death?
 9. Do we have earthly "religious movers/shakers or church people" that hate parts of the scriptures in present days? Do you think we may have "Judases" among us?
 10. Are you as passionate about your relationship with Jesus as you are other things such as politics, your family, your work?
 11. As we near Passion week, what are some practical things we can do to become more passionate (devoted) in our walk with God?