

JESUS' ARREST

1. Jesus prays the prayer of John 17 (Jn 18:1).
2. Jesus and the disciples sing a hymn (Mt 26:30; Mk 14:26).
3. Jesus goes out with his disciples across the brook Kidron. They go out to the Mount of Olives (Mt 26:30; Mk 14:26).
4. As they are walking, Jesus tells the disciples they will fall away and be scattered (Mk 14:27). But after Jesus is raised up, he will go before them to Galilee (Mk 14:28). Peter promised not to fall away (Mk 14:29) or to deny Jesus (Mk 14:31). The other disciples say the same (Mk 14:31). But Jesus tells Peter he will deny him three times before the rooster crows twice (Mk 14:30). [Add Matthew.]
5. Jesus and the disciples enter a garden (Jn 18:1) called Gethsemane (Mt 26:36; Mk 14:32).
6. Jesus tells the disciples to sit while he goes over and prays (Mt 26:36; Mk 14:32).
7. Jesus takes Peter, James, and John and begins to be sorrowful and troubled (Mt 26:37-38; Mk 14:33). He tells the three to remain and watch with him (Mt 26:38; Mk 14:34). He goes a little farther, falls on his face and prays to the Father (Mt 26:39; Mk 14:35). He asks that the hour might pass from him (Mk 14:35), but then prays, “Yet not what I desire, but what you desire” (Mk 14:36).
8. Jesus comes back to the disciples, finds them sleeping, and admonishes Peter (Mt 26:40-41; Mk 14:37-38).
9. Jesus goes away a second time and prays to the Father (Mt 26:42), saying the same words (Mk 14:39). He comes back and again finds the three sleeping (Mt 26:43). The three do not know what to answer him (Mk 14:40).
10. He leaves them again, and goes away to pray for the third time to the Father (Mt 26:44).
11. He comes to the disciples and asks them if they are still sleeping and resting (Mk 14:41)? Then he tells them “the hour is at hand” and “the Son of Man is delivered over into the hands of sinners” (Mt 18:45; Mk 14:41). He tells them to rise and be going. Judas, Jesus’ betrayer, is at hand (Mt 26:46; Mk 14:42).
12. Judas knew the place because Jesus often met there with his disciples (Jn 18:2). Judas leads a cohort Roman soldiers¹ and officers from the chief priests, scribes, elders, and Pharisees to the garden (Mt 26:46; Mk 14:43; Lk 22:47; Jn 18:3). It is a great crowd (Mt

¹ A cohort had a paper strength of 760 infantry and 240 cavalry and were led by a chiliarch for military tribune. The fact the chiliarch accompanied the troops (Jn 18:12) implies the cohort was sizeable enough. Also implied is that the chief priests were already in consultation with the Roman authorities, even if not Pilate (F. F. Bruce, *NT History*, 195-96).

26:46; Lk 22:47). They carry lanterns, torches, swords, and clubs (Mt 12:47; Mk 14:43; Jn 18:3).

13. Judas comes up to Jesus and says, “Greetings, Rabbi!” (Mt 26:49).
14. Jesus comes forward and says, “Whom do you seek?” (Jn 18:4). They answer, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Then Jesus says, “I Am (Ἐγώ εἰμι),” and Judas and the others draw back and fall to the ground (Jn 18:5-6). Then Jesus asks them again, “Whom do you seek?” They say again, “Jesus of Nazareth” (Jn 18:7). Jesus answers, “I told you that I Am” (Jn 18:8).
15. Judas draws near to Jesus to kiss him (Lk 22:47), but Jesus says, “Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?” (Lk 22:48). “Friend, do what you came to do” (Mt 26:50). Judas then kisses him (Mt 26:49; Mk 14:45), the predetermined sign (Mt 26:48; Mk 14:44).
16. When Jesus’ disciples saw what would follow, they say, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?” (Lk 22:47). Peter draws a sword and strikes Malchus, the high priest’s servant, and cuts off his right ear (Mt 26:51; Mk 14:47; Lk 22:50; Jn 18:10). Jesus says, “No more of this!” (Lk 22:51) and commands Peter to put his sword into its sheath (Mt 26:52; Jn 18:11). Jesus says he will “drink the cup that the Father has given” him (Jn 18:11). He says he could appeal to his Father, and the Father would send more than twelve legions of angels (Mt 26:53). But Jesus is intent on fulfilling the Scriptures (Mt 26:54). Jesus then touches Malchus’s ear and heals him (Lk 22:51).
17. The soldiers and officers come up, lay hands on Jesus, seize him, and bind him (Mt 26:50; Mk 14:46; Jn 18:12). Jesus says to the chief priests, officer of the temple, and elders, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. This is your hour, and the power of darkness” (Mt 26:55-56; Mk 14:48-49; Lk 22:52-53).
18. Jesus tells the soldiers and officers to let the disciples go (Jn 18:8). All the disciples leave Jesus and flee (Mt 26:56; Mk 14:50).
19. They lead Jesus away to the house of Caiaphas, the high priest (Lk 22:54). Peter follows at a distance (Lk 22:54).

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