

## Junior Discussion Plan

Year 3 Quarter 2 Week 8

**Aim:** To understand that Jesus prepared for His coming difficulties with prayer. He didn't have to go through it, He had the ability to stop it, but chose to continue.

**Refer:**

**Resources:**

Since it is the most important thing in the whole Bible, and the real reason that Jesus came to earth – His death and the leadup to it, are included in each of the Gospel books.

*Note to teacher: If anyone asks, tell them that experts say when you ask eyewitnesses about an event that occurred, different people will remember it differently, and will notice different aspects too. This is especially true about today's lesson. Also remember that the disciples were very tired that night and kept falling asleep.*

Have a different person/s look up each of these chapters and put a marker in them, ready to read.

Matthew 26

Mark 14

Luke 22

John 18

Isaiah 53

Remember from last week, we learned that the disciples had eaten the Passover meal with Jesus, this was on the Thursday evening.

These verses tell us what they did next: **Matthew 26:30, Mark 14:32**

Jesus knew that they were about to go through a very difficult time. What advice did He give them to prepare?

**Matthew 26:31** (you will desert Me)

**Luke 22:40** (Watch and pray)

Jesus took His disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives. A place they must have gone to many times. He left some of the disciples near the entrance.

**Mark 14:33-34** (My soul is distressed)

**Isaiah 53:6** gives us a clue as to the cause of Jesus' distress.

What did Jesus pray?

**Matthew 26:39**

If you remember back to the time when the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, and He taught them what we call 'The Lord's Prayer' – it says, 'May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.' Matthew 6:10

Sometimes when people pray, and they don't pray for God's will, He allows them to have what they want, even when it is not the best thing. Can you think of any examples of this from the Bible? (The Israelites asking for a King, perhaps, King Hezekiah asking for healing.)

Another way to pray for God's will, is to pray for what we want and then add '...unless you have a better idea, God.' On the end. Praying something like this, as Pr Glenn Coon used to say, will ensure that we know that we will get what we ask for, or we get something even better. Because as Matthew 7:11 tells, us God wants to 'give good gifts' to His children.

**Luke 22:43** tells us something that happened that night that the others perhaps didn't see. (Angel strengthens Jesus)

It was soon after this that the mob arrived with Judas, to arrest Jesus.

**John 18:4-9** tells us something interesting – Jesus had the power to stop it – but He didn't.

Discuss why He didn't. (Because He knew it was God's will, because it was the only way to accomplish the purpose for which He came to earth – to save people from sin.)

**Matthew 26:55-56** (Jesus asks why they didn't arrest Him in the temple)

**John 18:10** (Peter's sword)

**Luke 22:51** (Jesus heals)

**Mark 14:50-52**

Mark is the only author who writes about this young man – perhaps the young man was Mark himself, or a friend of his who told him what happened later.