



The Words of Jesus Series

Jesus Arrested

Prayers, Promises, Prophecy and Arrest

Context: Luke 22, Matthew 26, Mark 14, John 16-18)

Lesson 1 – Promises & Prophecy (John 16:1-33)

Lesson 2 – A Prayer for Us (John 17:1-26)

Lesson 3 – In the Garden (Luke 22:39-53)

Jesus completes His teaching of His disciples at the Last Supper, prays over them and us, and retreats to the garden where, after some additional prayer, He is arrested.

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John 18:8 Jesus said, "Here am I", and they all fell over. *Too much coffee?*

Suggested methodology for each lesson:

1. Fellowship (Save most of this for the end of class.)
2. Take prayer requests (Try to keep it from becoming a competition to see who has the most or the worst.)
3. Pray (The idea here is to leave our troubles with God so we can give His word our attention with a clear mind.)
4. Read the lesson's text aloud from the Bible. (... or a few verses at a time as you answer the questions.)
5. Answer and *briefly* discuss the "fill in the blank" questions. (Let those who prefer to listen, listen. My answers on the next page are just one opinion; you may have a better answer if it is based on Scripture.)
6. On the final "Think & Pray" question everyone should take a few minutes to pray over it and jot down their own thoughts before the discussion. **This will give the Holy Spirit a time to speak.**
7. Discuss your "Think & Pray" answers. (Never force anyone to share theirs. As with the other questions, my answer is just one more opinion; you may have a better answer.)
8. Close in prayer (It is best to call on others to pray, but try to get their permission ahead of time.)
9. Fellowship (Leave this as open ended as possible for the time and place you meet.)

Depending on the number of people, each lesson is expected to take about one hour. Steps 4 thru 7 are about half of that. If you take longer, let each lesson take more than one meeting, or consider breaking into two groups. If you take less time, extra questions are provided for discussion called "For Further Thought"

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Lesson 1 – Promises & Prophecy (John 16:1-33)

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[1A] John 16:1 Why did Jesus speak to us? _____

[1B] John 16:2 A time is coming when those who kill us will think they are doing what? _____

[1C] John 16:3-4 Why will they do these things? _____

[1D] John 16:5-7 What is the advantage of Jesus going? _____

[1E] John 16:8-11 The Helper will convict the world concerning three things. What are they? _____

[1F] John 16:12-13 What will happen with the Spirit of Truth comes? _____

[1G] John 16:14-15 Who owns everything of the Father's? _____

[1H] John 16:16-19 After a little while what will happen? _____

[1I] John 16:20 What will grief be turned into? _____

[1J] John 16:21-22 Our grief will be followed by what? _____

[1K] John 16:23-24 What will happen if we ask for anything in His name? _____

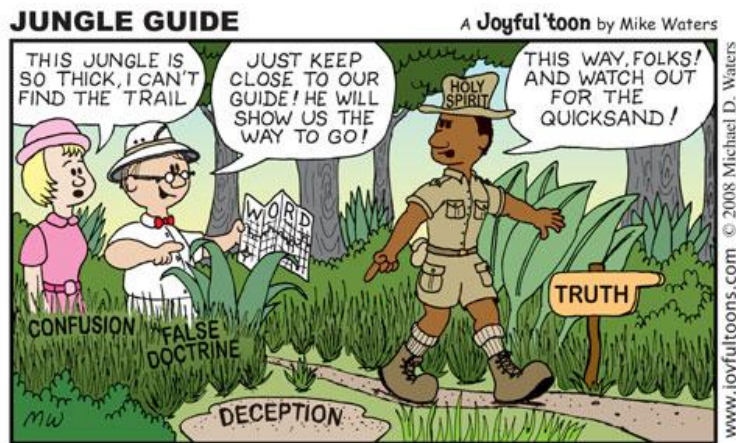
[1L] John 16:25 What kind of language is Jesus using? _____

[1M] John 16:26-28 Why does the Father love us? _____

[1N] John 16:29-33 What has Jesus overcome? _____

[1O] Compare John 16:25 and John 16:13. What do they tell us about the relationship between Jesus Christ and the Spirit of Truth?

Think & Pray _____



But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

- JOHN 16:13 NIV

Lesson 1 – Promises & Prophecy (John 16:1-33)

[1A] John 16:1 Why did Jesus speak to us? So we might be kept from stumbling

[1B] John 16:2 A time is coming when those who kill us will think they are doing what?

Offering a service to God

[1C] John 16:3-4 Why will they do these things? Because they know neither the Father or Jesus Christ.

[1D] John 16:5-7 What is the advantage of Jesus going? So that He might send the Helper

[1E] John 16:8-11 The Helper will convict the world concerning three things. What are they?

Sin, righteousness and judgment

[1F] John 16:12-13 What will happen with the Spirit of Truth comes? He will guide us into all truth

[1G] John 16:14-15 Who owns everything of the Father's? Jesus

[1H] John 16:16-19 After a little while what will happen?

Jesus will disappear from sight, but only for a little while

[1I] John 16:20 What will grief be turned into? Joy

[1J] John 16:21-22 Our grief will be followed by what? Rejoicing and no one will take our joy from us

[1K] John 16:23-24 What will happen if we ask for anything in His name?

We will receive it and our joy will be made full

[1L] John 16:25 What kind of language is Jesus using? Figurative language

[1M] John 16:26-28 Why does the Father love us? Because we believe in Jesus Christ and love Him

[1N] John 16:29-33 What has Jesus overcome? The world

[1O] I think this reveals that when it comes to teaching us, God is the Father is the Lord Jesus Christ is the Spirit of Truth is the Helper is the Holy Spirit. Yes, they are the Trinity and They are three separate Persons, but when it comes to telling us the truth, the Trinity speaks in unity and unison. Do you agree? Why or why not?

For further thought:

(1p) Thinking about John 16:1-4 What does "These things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you" mean?

(1q) In John 16:5-11 Jesus gives a different reason why the world will be convicted concerning three different things. It is pretty easy to see the connection between sin and a lack of belief (Jn 16:9) and seeing Satan judged convicting us of the coming judgment (Jn 16:11) but what does righteousness have to do with Jesus going to the Father? (Jn 16:10)

(1r) Thinking about John 16:12: Does this mean the theory of "progressive revelation" is true? Charles Hodge (1797-1878) wrote "The progressive character of divine revelation is recognized in relation to all the great doctrines of the Bible... What at first is only obscurely intimated is gradually unfolded in subsequent parts of the sacred volume, until the truth is revealed in its fullness." Do you agree? Why or why not?

(1s) Thinking about John 16:20-22: Other than childbirth can you think of other examples of God turning your grief and sorrow into joy and rejoicing?

(1t) Thinking about John 16:23-24: Why are some of our prayers answered with a, "No."

(1u) In John 16:25 He talks about a day when everything will be said plainly. Has that day arrived for you? How do you know?

(1v) Thinking about John 16:29-32: Have you ever been ashamed of being a Christian?

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Lesson 2 – A Prayer for Us (John 17:1-26)

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[2A] John 17:1-2 Who did the Father give authority over all flesh? _____

[2B] John 17:3 What is eternal life? _____

[2C] John 17:4-5 How long have God and Jesus been together? _____

[2D] John 17:6 What had Jesus manifested? _____

[2E] John 17:7-8 What did Jesus do with the words given Him by the Father? _____

[2F] John 17:9-11 Who is Jesus praying for? _____

[2G] John 17:12 Why did the son of perdition perish? _____

[2H] John 17:13-15 Why did Jesus speak in the world? _____

[2I] John 17:16-19 What are we to be sanctified in? _____

[2J] John 17:20-21 Who is Jesus praying for? _____

[2K] John 17:22-24 How long has the Father loved the Son? _____

[2L] John 17:25-26 Where does Jesus want His love to be placed? _____

[2M] In this prayer Jesus calls God, "Father" four times, "Holy Father" once, and "O righteous Father" once. How do you address your prayers? Do you use the same name in private as you do in public?

Think & Pray _____

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THE PRICE OF BETRAYAL .. 30 Pieces of silver bought Judas.. INFAMY! **Mt. 26:15, Mk 14:10-11**

Lesson 2 – A Prayer for Us (John 17:1-26)

- [2A] John 17:1-2 Who did the Father give authority over all flesh? The Son
[2B] John 17:3 What is eternal life? Knowing God the Father and God the Son.
[2C] John 17:4-5 How long have God and Jesus been together? Since before the world was
[2D] John 17:6 What had Jesus manifested? God's name
[2E] John 17:7-8 What did Jesus do with the words given Him by the Father? Gave them to us
[2F] John 17:9-11 Who is Jesus praying for? His disciples, but later He includes us Jn 17:20
[2G] John 17:12 Why did the son of perdition perish? So that the Scripture would be fulfilled
[2H] John 17:13-15 Why did Jesus speak in the world? So that we might have His joy
[2I] John 17:16-19 What are we to be sanctified in? The truth
[2J] John 17:20-21 Who is Jesus praying for? Those who believe through the word of the apostles
[2K] John 17:22-24 How long has the Father loved the Son? Before the foundation of the world
[2L] John 17:25-26 Where does Jesus want His love to be placed? In us

[2M] In public I usually call Him "Father," "God" or "Lord." I'm not sure why really, except I followed the example of others and it became a habit. Maybe it is so people around me will realize I'm talking to God and not to them. In private I don't call Him anything. I just start talking. He is always there. It is not like I have to say something to get His attention.

For further thought:

- (2n) In John 17:1-2 Jesus speaks of Himself in the third person. He says "Your Son" and "Him" when He is clearly talking about Himself. Why?
- (2o) In John 17:4 Jesus said He has accomplished the work He was sent to do. How is this possible since He had not yet been crucified?
- (2p) What does John 17:12 mean?
- (2q) Thinking about John 17:13-16: Are you of this world? How do you know?
- (2r) In John 17:19 what does "sanctified in truth" mean? Have you been sanctified in truth? How do you know?
- (2s) In John 17:21 what does "they all be one" mean?
- (2t) In this lesson I assume that John 17:20 is retroactive to the beginning of the prayer, making the whole thing apply to all Christians. Is my assumption justified? Why or why not?
- (2u) What does John 17:3 mean?

Lesson 3 – In the Garden (Luke 22:39-53)

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

- [3A] Luke 22:39-40 What did Jesus tell them to pray? That they not enter into temptation
- [3B] Matthew 26:36-38 How did Jesus tell them He was feeling? Deeply grieved, to the point of death
- [3C] Matthew 26:39 What position was Jesus in while He was praying? Prone on His face
- [3D] Luke 22:41-44 What did Jesus pray for? Deliverance, but only if it was the Father's will
- [3E] Mark 14:32-36 What did Jesus call God? "Abba! Father!" "Abba" is Hebrew for "Daddy."
- [3F] Luke 22:45-46 What did Jesus ask them? "Why are you sleeping?"
- [3G] Matthew 26:40-46 The spirit is what, but the flesh is what?

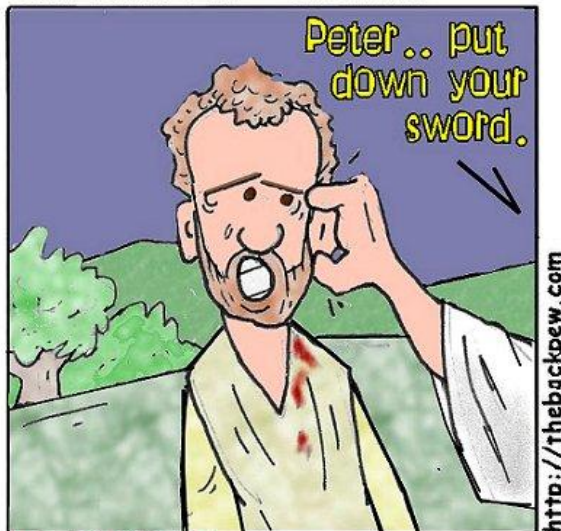
Spirit is willing, flesh is weak Mt 26:41

- [3H] Mark 14:37-42 Into whose hands did Jesus say He was being betrayed? Sinners Mk 14:41
- [3I] Luke 22:47-48 What did Jesus ask Judas? "Are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"
- [3J] Matthew 26:47-50 What did Jesus say to Judas? "Friend, do what you have come for."
- [3K] Luke 22:49-51 What did Jesus say when a fight broke out? "Stop! No more of this."
- [3L] Matthew 26:51-54 How many legions of angels did Jesus say He might ask for? Twelve
- [3M] John 18:1-6 What happened when Jesus said, "I am He." They drew back and fell to the ground.
- [3N] Luke 22:52-53 What belonged to those arresting Jesus? The moment and the power of darkness
- [3O] John 18:7-11 What did Jesus say about the cup which the Father had given Him?
"Shall I not drink it?" It was a rhetorical question indicating that He should drink it.
- [3P] Matthew 26:55-56 What did the disciples do? Left Him and fled

[3Q] During His arrest Jesus had at least three opportunities to escape.
What were they and why didn't He escape?

Think & Pray _____

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John 18:10-11 The panic of the night of Jesus arrest.

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[3Q] Jesus could have escaped at least three times:

1. When they fell down after He said "I am He."
2. When the fight broke out.
3. He could have called down twelve legions of angels.

He explained why He did not escape in Matthew 26:56, Mark 14:49, and John 18:11. It was what He was here to do, as the Scriptures said.

For further thought:

- (3r) What do you suppose would have happened differently if the disciples had stayed awake and prayed?
(3s) Have you ever spent the night in prayer instead of in sleep?
(3t) Which of the people in this story most closely matches you? Jesus, sleeping disciples who later fled, Judas, Peter putting up a fight, Malchus, or the officers and soldiers of the High Priest? Why?
(3u) In John 18:4 there is no "he" in the Greek. It just says "*ego eimi*" or "I am." "He" is added by translators to add understanding, but I think they ought to leave it off. What do you think and why?
(3v) Malchus had his ear healed by Jesus. Do you think he continued on with those arresting Jesus? How do you stand up for your Christianity in the face of pressure from our culture?
(3w) How many legions of angels are at your disposal? How do you know?
(3x) What did you learn in this course that you would like to remember?
(3y) If someone asked you what this course was about, what would you tell them?
(3z) What scripture from this course would be best to memorize? Why?