Jesus Is Arrested



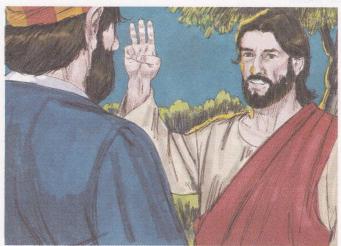
Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples in the upper room in Jerusalem. Afterward they sang a hymn. Then they went out to the Mount of Olives—all but Judas.



There Jesus said to the disciples, "You will all leave me. But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."



Peter said, "Even if everyone else leaves you, I will not!"



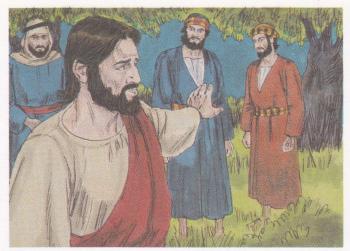
Jesus replied, "Truly, this very night before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."



Then Peter almost shouted, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!" The other disciples said the same thing.



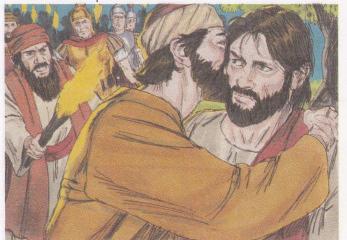
When they came to the place called Gethsemane, Jesus said to the disciples, "Wait here while I pray." He took only Peter, James, and John with him.



Jesus became very deeply distressed and troubled. He said to the three disciples, "Sorrow has overcome me. Stay here and keep watch."



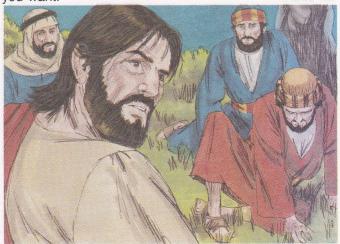
When he went back to Peter, James, and John, they were asleep. He said to Peter, "Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation!"



Just then Judas came up. With him were men carrying swords and clubs. They had been sent by the Jewish leaders. Judas went at once to Jesus and kissed him.



Jesus went on a little farther and fell to the ground. He prayed, "Father, everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me! However, not what I want, but what you want."



Again Jesus went away and prayed. And again he found the disciples sleeping. This happened yet a third time. Then Jesus said, "Get up. The hour has come. Here is my betrayer!"



At this signal, the mob grabbed Jesus. Peter drew his sword and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his ear. The others ran away, leaving Jesus alone with his enemies.