

Jesus Lays Down His Life for Us



MEMORY VERSE: "We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters."

1 John 3:16



MARK 12:28-34 The Most Important Commandment

1. What is the foundation of the two most important commandments? Who does the first commandment focus on and who does the second one focus on? vv. 29-31
2. Read verses 29-31. What do you think it means to love God with all your:
heart?
soul?
mind?
strength?
3. How can we love our neighbor as ourselves? Who do you think Jesus means when he says neighbor?



MARK 14:43-52 Jesus Betrayed and Arrested

4. Who helped Jesus get arrested and how? Who sent them to arrest Jesus? vv. 43-44
5. How did Jesus react to the men arresting Him? vv. 48-49 Why do you think He was so calm?
6. What did the disciples do after Jesus was arrested? vv. 50-52 How do you think you would react and why?



MARK 14:53-65 False Evidence

- 7. Read verses 53-59. The leading priests and high council were determined to put Jesus to death. Why couldn't they find any evidence against Jesus to put Him to death?
- 8. What did Jesus say when asked if He was the Messiah? v. 62
- 9. Read verses 63-65. What was their verdict? How did they treat Jesus?
- 10. Jesus is on trial and it seems like He loses, but He won because this was God's plan all along - that Jesus (Messiah) would die on the cross, and three days later be raised from the dead conquering sin and death because of His great love for us. Do you believe that Jesus is God's Son and was sent to fulfill the prophecies of the Old Testament?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

When Jesus was betrayed and arrested, His reaction was calm and expectant. He knew He was arrested to fulfill what the Scriptures said. He knew that the leading priests and high council would find Him guilty when He was in fact innocent. He knew all of this because He was sent by God for this exact purpose. God loves us so much, He sent Jesus to die for our sins. And in return He wants of us to love the Lord our God and love our neighbors. "We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters." 1 John 3:16

PRAY THE TRUTH

Lord Jesus, You love us so much that you knowingly and patiently withstood betrayal, abuse, and even death on our behalf. There is no love greater than this. Please help me to love You in return with ALL my heart, soul, mind, and strength. And help me share Your great love by loving others. Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



Jesus' love for us was so great that He layed down His life for us. And in return we are to love Him with ALL our heart, soul, mind and strength. What would that look like in action?



Mark 12:28-34, Mark 14:43-65 (NLT)

The Most Important Commandment

28 One of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realized that Jesus had answered well, so he asked, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?” 29 Jesus replied, “The most important commandment is this: ‘Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. 30 And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’ 31 The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.” 32 The teacher of religious law replied, “Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth by saying that there is only one God and no other. 33 And I know it is important to love him with all my heart and all my understanding and all my strength, and to love my neighbor as myself. This is more important than to offer all of the burnt offerings and sacrifices required in the law.” 34 Realizing how much the man understood, Jesus said to him, “You are not far from the Kingdom of God.” And after that, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Jesus Is Betrayed and Arrested

43 And immediately, even as Jesus said this, Judas, one of the twelve disciples, arrived with a crowd of men armed with swords and clubs. They had been sent by the leading priests, the teachers of religious law, and the elders. 44 The traitor, Judas, had given them a prearranged signal: “You will know which one to arrest when I greet him with a kiss. Then you can take him away under guard.” 45 As soon as they arrived, Judas walked up to Jesus. “Rabbi!” he exclaimed, and gave him the kiss. 46 Then the others grabbed Jesus and arrested him. 47 But one of the men with Jesus pulled out his sword and struck the high priest’s slave, slashing off his ear. 48 Jesus asked them, “Am I some dangerous revolutionary, that you come with swords and clubs to arrest me? 49 Why didn’t you arrest me in the Temple? I was there among you teaching every day. But these things are happening to fulfill what the Scriptures say about me.” 50 Then all his disciples deserted him and ran away. 51 One young man following behind was clothed only in a long linen shirt. When the mob tried to grab him, 52 he slipped out of his shirt and ran away naked.

Jesus before the Council

53 They took Jesus to the high priest’s home where the leading priests, the elders, and the teachers of religious law had gathered. 54 Meanwhile, Peter followed him at a distance and went right into the high priest’s courtyard. There he sat with the guards, warming himself by the fire. 55 Inside, the leading priests and the entire high council were trying to find evidence against Jesus, so they could put him to death. But they couldn’t find any. 56 Many false witnesses spoke against him, but they contradicted each other. 57 Finally, some men stood up and gave this false testimony: 58 “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this Temple made with human hands, and in three days I will build another, made without human hands.’” 59 But even then they didn’t get their stories straight! 60 Then the high priest stood up before the others and asked Jesus, “Well, aren’t you going to answer these charges? What do you have to say for yourself?” 61 But Jesus was silent and made no reply. Then the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?” 62 Jesus said, “I am. And you will see the Son of Man seated in the place of power at God’s right hand and coming on the clouds of heaven.” 63 Then the high priest tore his clothing to show his horror and said, “Why do we need other witnesses? 64 You have all heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?” “Guilty!” they all cried. “He deserves to die!” 65 Then some of them began to spit at him, and they blindfolded him and beat him with their fists. “Prophecy to us,” they jeered. And the guards slapped him as they took him away.

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