

Connect

Was Jesus ever surprised by or fearful of the things that happened to him?

Verses - Matthew 26:47-56 (CSB)

47 While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, suddenly arrived. A large mob with swords and clubs was with him from the chief priests and elders of the people. 48 His betrayer had given them a sign: “The one I kiss, he’s the one; arrest him.” 49 So immediately he went up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.

50 “Friend,” Jesus asked him, “why have you come?”

Then they came up, took hold of Jesus, and arrested him. 51 At that moment one of those with Jesus reached out his hand and drew his sword. He struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his ear.

52 Then Jesus told him, “Put your sword back in its place because all who take up the sword will perish by the sword. 53 Or do you think that I cannot call on my Father, and he will provide me here and now with more than twelve legions of angels? 54 How, then, would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen this way?”

55 At that time Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out with swords and clubs, as if I were a criminal, to capture me? Every day I used to sit, teaching in the temple, and you didn’t arrest me. 56 But all this has happened so that the writings of the prophets would be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and ran away.

Study

1. Concerning the chief priests and elders, why did they:
    a. arrest Jesus?
    b. arrest him at night?
    c. arrest him using a large mob with swords and clubs?

2. Concerning Judas:
    a. Who did he think Jesus was?
    b. Why did he betray Jesus?
    c. Why did Jesus call him, “friend?”

3. Concerning Jesus’ other disciples:
    a. Who did they think Jesus was?
    b. Why did they defend him at first using their swords?
    c. Why was this fighting wrong, and pointless? *(vv 52-54)*
    d. Why did they all suddenly run away? *(v56:b)*

4. Concerning Jesus:
    a. As Jesus taught in the temple, what do you think he taught? *(vv 55~)*
    b. How was Jesus’ teaching related to his arrest?

5. **APPLY**: Why does Jesus call *you* a dear friend? (John 15:13-15)

Magnify

※ Praise God for being a God who knows everything, from beginning to end, and for having all power, and for being perfectly wise and good, so that all things work together for the good of those who are called by God according to his purpose, even now!

※ Thank God for being the father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who was the only person who ever lived a perfect life without sinning. Because of this, God accepted Jesus as the perfect offering for all of our sins, including our own.

※ Praise God the Holy Spirit for leading us to believe in Jesus — for working in us and through us to build his Church now and in the eternal life to come.