

“YET NOT WHAT I WILL, BUT WHAT YOU WILL”

Mark 14:27-52

Key Verse: 14:36

“Abba, Father,’ he said, ‘everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.’”

1. How did Jesus help his disciples prepare their hearts for his trials and their falling away and give them hope and direction (27-28; Zec 13:7b; Mk 16:7)? How did Jesus help Peter when he would not accept Jesus’ words (29-31)?
2. For what reason did Jesus go to Gethsemane with his disciples (32)? What did Jesus share with three of his disciples and why (33-34)? Why was Jesus so distressed and overwhelmed with sorrow (Isa 53:6b, 10a; Heb 2:17-18)?
3. Read verses 35-36. What do Jesus’ posture, request and address of God reveal about their relationship? What did he mean by “this hour” and “this cup”? What was his agony? What did he believe? What did he resolve through this prayer (Heb 5:7-9)?
4. When Jesus found his disciples sleeping, what did he want Peter to do and why (37-38)? How did Jesus impress upon his disciples the importance of prayer in a time of crisis (39-41a)? How did he meet betrayal, suffering and death (41b-42)?
5. How did Judas orchestrate Jesus’ arrest (43-46)? How did the disciples react to Jesus’ arrest (47, 50)? In contrast, how did Jesus respond (48-49)? What motivated Jesus? Why was a young man’s flight recorded here (51-52)?