

LIFE OF CHRIST
from the gospel of
Mark

LESSON 10

**JESUS ARRESTED &
ON TRIAL**

MARK 14:43-65

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Younger Verse

He was punished for the sins of my people. Isaiah 53:8

Older Verse

He was arrested and sentenced to death. . . . He was punished for the sins of my people.

Lesson Goals

Understand that the religious leaders wanted Jesus to die
Learn that Jesus did not try to defend Himself while on trial
Recognize that Jesus knew it was God's plan for Him to die

Opener

Have you ever been accused of doing something you did not do? How did that make you feel? Today, we learn about a time when Jesus was being accused of things He didn't do. Let's see how He handled it.

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Last time, we learned that Jesus ate His last supper with the disciples. It was a very special time for them to be together. After the meal, they went to a garden, where Jesus prayed. When He had finished, a large group of people came toward Him. They were being led by a man named Judas. Judas had been one of the 12 disciples. Judas brought some soldiers with swords and clubs. They had been sent by the religious leaders.

Judas had decided that he would give up his friendship with Jesus for money. So he had an agreement with the religious leaders; he would show them where to find Jesus. Judas would let the soldiers know who Jesus was. He went up to Jesus and said, "Teacher!" Then He kissed Jesus. (This was a common form of greeting someone, just like we shake hands.) That was the soldiers' cue; they grabbed Jesus and arrested Him.

Jesus reminded the men that He had been with them every day in the Temple, yet they had not arrested Him then. So why did they come to Him now with swords and clubs, like He was a criminal? Once His followers realized what the soldiers were doing, they ran away. They were afraid they would get arrested, too.

The guards took Jesus to the Jewish leaders, who were like judges for the church. Some of the same people that had tried to trap Jesus with questions were part of that group. They had been waiting for their chance to get Jesus in trouble!

The religious leaders were looking for any kind of evidence that they could use against Jesus. If the evidence was good enough, then they could have Him put to death. What evidence do you think they found? Absolutely none. Why? Jesus had not done anything wrong. They were so desperate, they brought in people to tell lies about Jesus. But the peoples' lies did not agree with each other.

One of the lies they told was that Jesus said He would destroy a temple made by people, and then in three days, build another one that was not made by people. But the people that told those lies did not have the same story. So that did not give proof of Jesus doing anything wrong.

Then the head religious leader stood up and asked Jesus, “Are you going to respond to any of this? What do you have to say about all of the things being said about you?” Jesus remained quiet and did not answer. He knew they were making up lies, and He did not need to prove Himself innocent. The head religious leader asked another question, hoping Jesus would speak. “Are you the Christ, the Son of God?” Jesus responded, “I am, and you will see me sitting at the right hand of God. I will come back on the clouds.”

This made the head religious leader very upset. He became so mad that He tore his own clothes! He said, “We do not need any more proof. He has told a lie about being the Son of God. What do all of you think?” All the leaders decided Jesus deserved to die for what He had said. Then some of them began to spit on Jesus. They blindfolded Him and hit Him with their fists. They said to Him, “Tell us what’s going to happen!” And then the guards took Him away and beat Him.

Does any of this sound like a fair trial? No, and why not? Jesus had never actually done anything wrong. Jesus lived and spoke the truth. The religious leaders did not want to accept Him as God’s Son. Even when Jesus was under pressure, He still acted in a way that honored God. He did not complain, argue, or plead. He went all the way to the cross for us, because He loves us.

Have you given Jesus your heart? The Bible says that the greatest love someone can have is to give His life for people. That is what Jesus did. No one will ever love you more than Jesus does.

Review Questions

1. Which one of Jesus’ disciples showed the soldiers where Jesus was?
(Judas)

Prayer Time

2. Did the religious leaders have any real charges against Jesus? (No.)
3. What did the leaders decide to do with Jesus? (Have Him killed.)

Life Application

Thank God for allowing Jesus to go through the pain of the cross for us. Pray for those who need to know about God’s love.

Even though this was not a happy time in Jesus’ life, He knew it was part of God’s plan. God knew that we needed someone to die in our place. This was the only way we could be forgiven of our sins. So Jesus went through all of the heartache and rejection—for us. And we know the end of the story, that Jesus did not stay dead. He rose from the dead three days later, and He lives today.

Do you ever feel like your life isn’t very happy? We all go through hard times. Maybe you feel like everyone has rejected you, and you feel all alone. Remember—Jesus has been there. Even His closest friends ran away at the end. Jesus knows how to comfort you, because He has been there. Let Him be your friend the hard times, and the good times, too.

Planning for Lesson 11
Jesus is Crucified
Mark 15:1-47

Preschool Lesson for Jesus is Arrested & On Trial

Jesus knew that something important was going to happen soon. So He went to a garden to pray. Once He had finished, one of the disciples, Judas, came to see Him. But Judas was not by himself. He had a bunch of people with him. They looked angry and upset, and they had swords with them. Judas walked up to Jesus and said, “Teacher!” Then He kissed Jesus. (This was a way that people introduced each other, just like we shake hands.) Suddenly, the other men with him reached out and grabbed Jesus. They arrested Jesus! Why would they do that? Jesus had not done anything wrong.

The soldiers took Jesus to the leaders of the church. The religious leaders did not like Jesus. They did not believe that Jesus was the Son of God. They did not want to listen to anything He said about God. Jesus spoke the truth, but they refused to believe any of it.

The leaders hated Jesus so much that they wanted to see Jesus get in trouble. They asked people to lie about things Jesus had done! But you know what? The lies did not work because people were not saying the same thing. So the lies did not make sense.

The leader of all the men asked Jesus, “What do you have to say about these things the people are saying about you?” Jesus was quiet and did not answer. He already knew they were not telling the truth, and He did not need to prove it to them.

Finally the leader asked Jesus, “Are you God’s Son?” Jesus said, “Yes, I am. You will see me sitting next to God up in heaven, and you will see me coming back in the clouds.”

When all the men heard this, it made them upset, and they decided that Jesus should be killed for what He said. Did Jesus lie? No, He really is God’s Son, and He will return one day to take us up to Heaven. But the religious leaders did not believe it. So they put Him on a cross and He died. Three days later, Jesus showed that He was God’s Son when He came back to life! He did all of this so that we could go to Heaven.

Jesus always spoke the truth. Jesus did not say one thing and do another. He lived just like He taught the people to. It is important for us to speak and live truthfully.

Sing, “Oh, Be Careful Little Eyes What You See” (little ears what you hear, little feet where you go, little mouth what you say, etc.)

Pray that we will always say good things, and not tell lies.

Hands-on Activities for Jesus is Arrested & On Trial

Bring cookies and break each cookie into two pieces. Give a broken cookie to each person. Each child helps another mend his/her cookie with the icing of kind words. The child must say something kind to the person before fixing the person's cookie with icing. Eat and enjoy!

Bring dominoes. Give the children free time to play with the pieces. Demonstrate how dominoes fall, creating a chain reaction. Let the children experiment with lining the dominoes up and knocking them down. Tie this activity into a discussion of how wrong or bad actions/choices can create bad chain reactions. Challenge the students to do good things this week.

Squeeze out some toothpaste and ask the group to put it back into the tube. Obviously, this is impossible. Share that words are the same way—once you've said something, you cannot take it back. Encourage each child to say good words to others.

Give each person a piece of masking tape. Let them put the tape on the floor, carpet, counter, etc., and then remove it. Ask them what is on their tape. Obviously there will be lots of dirt and yucky stuff. Share how our sins look like dirt to God. Explain that God found a way to get rid of all the yucky things and make us clean. He sent Jesus! Jesus died for all the dirty things we have done. He did this so that if we believe in Him, He will clean out our hearts and take us to Heaven one day! (Another idea is to let the kids sweep the church and find all the dirt. It's a good illustration and helps clean the church!).

Play the quiet game. Jesus remained silent, so can they! You can even ask them questions while playing, but tell them you do not want them to answer you.

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ISAIAH 53:8

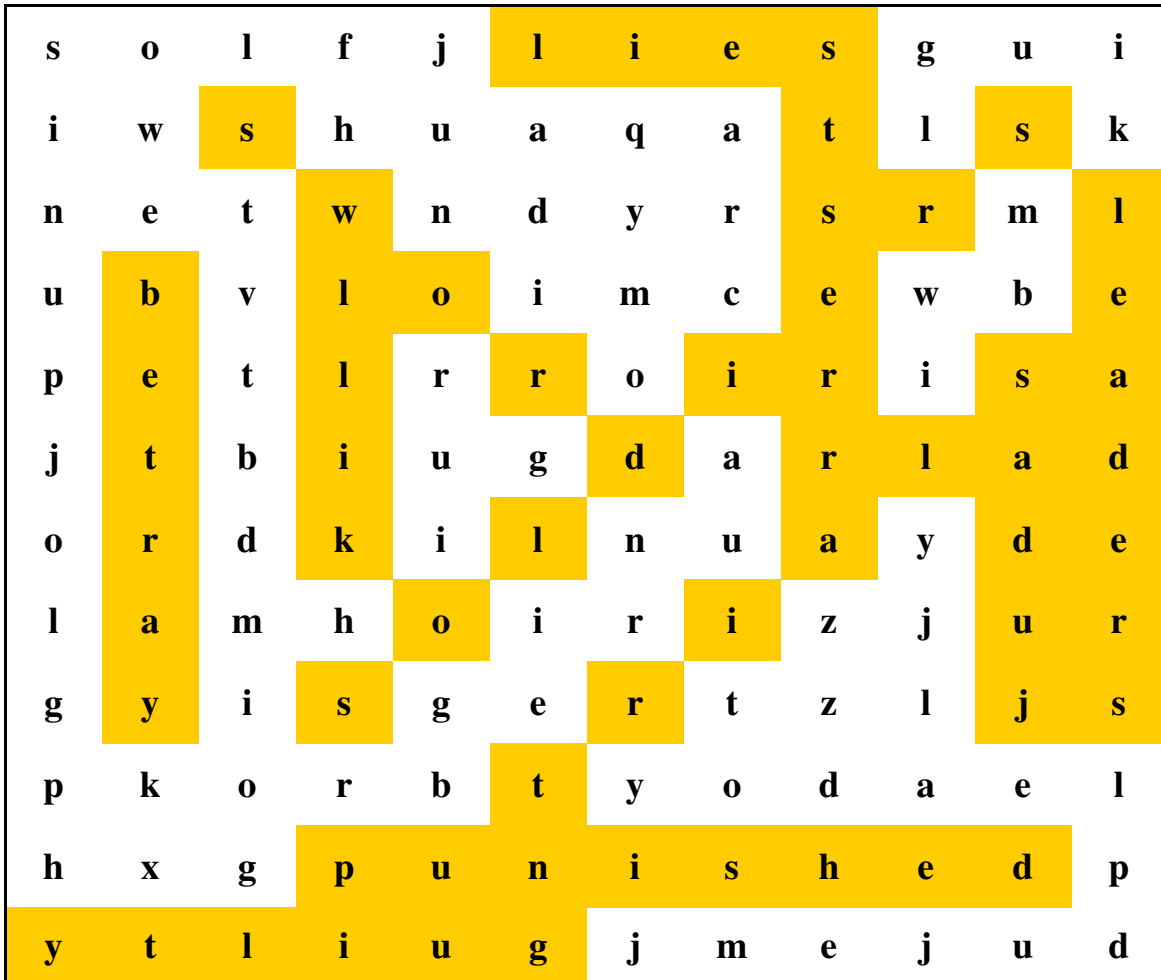


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What was Jesus guilty of?

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How did Jesus answer the question, “Are you the Christ, the Son of God?”

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