



Lesson 22: *Jesus is Arrested* (Condensed Version)

Objectives: To explain that:

- Jesus knew that the time had come for him to suffer and die and take the consequences for all people's sins. Jesus could have decided not to go to the cross, but he loved us so much he wanted to become the perfect sacrifice for our sins.
- Jesus was arrested, tried by Pilate and orders were given for him to be crucified on a cross.
- Jesus knew that through his death on the cross he would be the Forever King of a different kind of kingdom --God's kingdom--

"I Wonder" Questions:

(During the poster discussion, explain any difficult words in the story.)

What do you see in this picture? (Soldiers, Jesus, disciples)

I wonder where this is taking place.

I wonder why they are there at night.

I wonder what the soldiers are doing.

Let's find out more in our story....

Lesson Summary: In today's Bible story you will learn about a garden where Jesus went to pray. The garden was called the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to suffer and die. Even though he knew how hard this would be, Jesus choose to do this, to obey his Father and to show his love for us. He asked his disciples to pray with him, but they were so tired that they fell asleep. It was in this garden that soldiers and men from the Temple came and arrested Jesus! When Jesus was arrested, his disciples were afraid and ran away. Peter even told people that he didn't know "the man named Jesus." When Jesus was taken to the high priest's house, the leaders who were waiting there, slapped Jesus and hit him with their fists. Then, Jesus was taken to the Roman ruler's palace. The Roman ruler, named Pilate, asked Jesus an important question. He asked Jesus if he was a king. Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world." Then the soldiers whipped him, put a crown of thorns on his head and laughed at him. Some of the priests and people called out, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" It was a painful time, but Jesus knew that he must do this to be the perfect sacrifice so that people's sins could be forgiven, and God's Kingdom could begin.

- **Suggested Questions: What does this story tell us about Jesus?** (Jesus knew the future and what was in the hearts of his disciples, he claimed that he was God, he taught about and established a kingdom different from earthly kingdoms, he endured the pain because he loved us so much, he needed to pray) **What does this tell us about people?** (people are sinful, can be mean, can be afraid, people need a Saviour)
- Why did some people want Jesus to be arrested and crucified? (they hated him, they didn't believe that he was God's Son, they thought that he was going to make himself king over the people)
- Could Jesus have stopped the arrest, the beatings and the crucifixion? (Yes, he could have asked his Father in Heaven to send angels to rescue him)
- Why didn't Jesus stop all this pain from happening? (because Jesus knew it was his Father's plan that he should give himself as the perfect sacrifice for the forgiveness of sin, to establish the Kingdom of God)
- What do you think God's Kingdom is like? (a place and time where God reigns in the hearts and lives of his people, love, joy, kindness, mercy, see Galatians 5:22)

Bible Memory Verse:

Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world." (John 18:36a--ESV)