

100 Bible Stories

84. Jesus Is Betrayed and Arrested

Matthew 26; John 18 (NKJV)

And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people with lanterns, torches, and weapons. Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him."

Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?"

They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth."

Jesus said to them, "I am He."

And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them. Now when He said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground.

Then He asked them again, "Whom are you seeking?"

And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth."

Jesus answered, "I have told you that I am He. Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way," that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, "Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none."

Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed Him. But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him. And suddenly, one of those who were with Jesus, Simon Peter, stretched out his hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear.

But Jesus said to him, "Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?" And He touched his ear and healed him. Then everyone deserted Him and fled.

If He knows, why does He ask?

Christ's boldness in the face of evil.

Christ's power experienced.

Christ's mercy and solitude in suffering.

Why does He ask Judas? What effect on Judas?

Why is Peter foolish?

Prophecy fulfilled.