



# DIGGING DEEPER

Mt 26v47-68 – The Arrest and the Trial

**PLEASE READ** – Matthew 26v47-68

## **GETTING STARTED**

What do you think the mood was like in the garden at the end of v46? Chat about that from the viewpoint of Jesus and his disciples...

### **1) THE BETRAYAL (v47-50)**

What are we told about Judas in v47-49 and why is each detail important?

More importantly what do we see in Jesus in v50?

### **2) THE ARREST (v51-56)**

What do we learn about the use of physical force in the establishment of God's Kingdom? (v51-52)

Why didn't Jesus call on the angels (in v53) to deliver him?

Why then did things unfold in this way? (v54-56)

What are the main things we learn from our time in the garden? Notice how the garden narrative begins (v31) and ends (v56)...

### **3) THE ARREST (v57-68)**

What words would you use to describe the trial? (see especially v59-61)

When asked under oath if he is the Messiah – Jesus refers back to Daniel’s vision in Dan 7v9-14. What’s the point Jesus is making and do the chief priests understand what Jesus has said?

How do you think you would have responded to the treatment of Jesus in v67-68?

**Meditate on the words of Jesus below...**

**V64:** ‘But I say to all of you: from now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.’