



Matthew 26v47-68

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V39: Going a little farther, Jesus fell with his face to the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.'



Scene 1: The Betrayal

V47: While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people.

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V48: Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: 'The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.'

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V49: Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, 'Greetings, Rabbi!' and kissed him.

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V51: With that, one of Jesus' companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

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V52: 'Put your sword back in its place,'
Jesus said to him, 'for all who draw the
sword will die by the sword.'

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V56: But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.”

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- **Composure** – of Jesus

Scene 3: The Trial

V57-58: Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. ⁵⁸ But Peter followed him at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome.

Scene 3: The Trial

V59: The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death.

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V60-61: Finally, two came forward ⁶¹ and declared, ‘This fellow said, “I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.”’

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Isaiah 53v7: He was oppressed and afflicted,

yet he did not open his mouth;

he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,

so he did not open his mouth.

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V62: Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, 'Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?'

V63: But Jesus remained silent.

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V63: The high priest said to him, 'I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.'

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V64: 'You have said so,' Jesus replied. '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.'

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V66: He is worthy of death they answered.

V67: Then they spat in his face and struck him with their fists.

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