

JESUS' ARREST

THE LIFE OF CHRIST WITH SAINT LUKE



PRAYING IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

Luke 22:39-46

After the Mystical Supper, Christ walks to the nearby Mt. of Olives and nestled amongst the olives trees, He gathers His disciples, instructs them to pray, and then He walks “a stone’s throw” away to pray Himself.

- **Garden of Gethsemane** - This icon shows a series of events. We know this because we see Jesus four times in the icon. Starting at the *bottom center*, we

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GOAL

Learn to read iconography through the Gospels

2

AT CHURCH

Holy Thursday
Services

3

AT HOME

We fast on Wednesdays in remembrance of Judas Iscariot's betrayal of Christ



Gethsemane:
means “oil press”



Betrayal:
the act of delivering someone to an enemy through treachery or disloyalty



Agony:
extreme and generally prolonged pain

see Jesus asking His disciples to pray. At the *top left*, we see Jesus kneeling down and praying “a stone’s throw away.” At the *top middle*, Jesus continues praying, “Father, if it is Your will...” Then at the *top right*, “being in agony, He prayed more earnestly.”



JUDAS’ KISS & JESUS’ ARREST

Luke 22:47-53

Jesus encourages His disciples to pray one more time and as He is talking to them, Judas leads “the multitude” who have come to arrest Jesus.

- **Judas’ Betrayal & Jesus’ Arrest** - This icon depicts the intensity of the moment: Judas leans in to kiss Jesus, the “multitude” rush in to arrest Him as they hold weapons, the disciples are caught off guard, and Peter (John 18:10) reacts in an attempt to protect Jesus by striking and cutting off the ear of the high priest’s servant.

PETER’S DENIAL OF CHRIST

Luke 22:54-62

Peter followed Jesus and the guards from a far distance, hoping there was *something* he could do if he just stayed as close as possible to Jesus.

He entered the high priest’s courtyard and there denied knowing Christ three times.

- **Peter’s Denial of Jesus** - This particular icon zooms in on that moment when Peter and Jesus momentarily lock eyes just after Peter had denied Christ three times. The realization slams down on Peter and he leaves the high priest’s courtyard weeping bitterly with remorse.

ACTIVITIES

1. Mix up the provided icons and place them on the classroom table. Then mix up the provided gospel passages and place them on the table as well. Ask the students to place them in the correct sequential order based on their knowledge of the Bible and attending Holy

EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

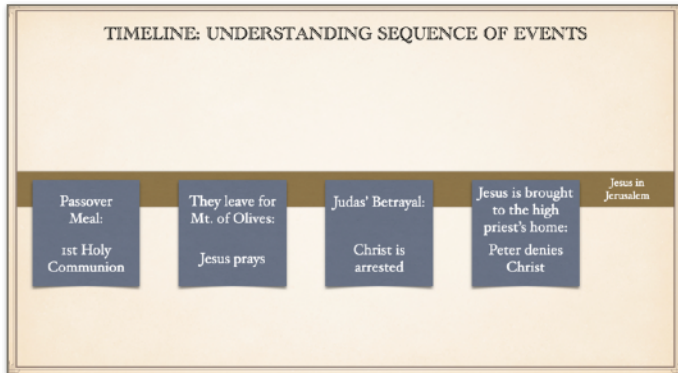
The Crucifixion of the King of Glory by Eugenia Scarvelis Constantinou

The Gospel of Luke: Good News for the Poor by Fr. Lawrence Farley

The Explanation of the Holy Gospel According to Luke by Blessed Theophylact



Week services. Let them know they can ask you questions as they are sequencing, if they need some guidance.



2. Label post-it notes and place the sequence of events on your classroom timeline
3. Find Jerusalem and the Mt. Of Olives on your map; Then let everyone take a look at the up-close map of Jerusalem
4. Review - Draw and label a storyboard for the sequence of events in today's lesson

Scene:	Scene:	Scene:

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AT HOME

FOR PARENTS

Behold, then and see the pattern of your conduct depicted for you in Christ the Savior of all. And let us also observe the manner of his prayer. 'Father,' He says 'if You are willing, remove this cup from me...' And if, therefore it happens that we also at any time fall into

unexpected troubles, and have to endure any mental conflict, let us beseech God, not so much that it may end according to our will, but rather let us ask that whatever He knows to be fit and expedient for the benefit of our souls may be brought to pass.

St. Cyril of Alexandria
via Dr. Constantinou in
The Crucifixion of the King of Glory

HOME ACTIVITY #20

Virtual Field Trip to the Garden of Gethsemane: <https://youtu.be/bJXS-Ee0tsc?si=bSgQzZ1QpVhuVKvr>

This week, we learned about the events that occurred in Luke 22. Please illustrate / sketch and then label the events you learned about in class today on the storyboard below.

Scene:	Scene:	Scene:
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Jesus went to the Mount of Olives and His disciples followed Him.

When they got to the garden, Jesus said to His disciples, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

Jesus walked a short distance from them, kneeled down on the ground, and began to pray, saying, “Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.”

Then an angel appeared to Jesus, strengthening Him.

And being in agony, Jesus prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

When Jesus got up from praying, He went over to His disciples to find that they had fallen asleep. Again, Jesus asked them to pray.

And while Jesus was still speaking, behold, a large group of people appeared. Judas was leading the large group towards Jesus and His disciples. Judas walked up to Jesus and gave Him a kiss.

Jesus said to him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”

When the disciples saw what was going to happen, they said to Jesus, “Lord, should we strike with them with a sword?”

And one of them did strike the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.

But Jesus answered and said, “Permit them to arrest Me.” And Jesus touched the servant’s ear and healed him.

Then Jesus was arrested by chief priests, captains of the temple, and the elders.

After arresting Jesus, they led Him into the high priest's house. But Peter followed at a distance.

Peter entered the high priest's courtyard and stood next to a fire burning to stay warm. There were other people in the courtyard as well.

And a certain servant girl, seeing Peter as he sat by the fire, looked intently at him and said, "This man was also with Him." But he denied Him, saying, "Woman, I do not know Him."

After a little while another saw him and said, "You also are of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!"

Then after about an hour had passed, another confidently said, "Surely this fellow also was with Him, for he is a Galilean."

But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying!" Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.

And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times."

So Peter went out and wept bitterly.