

## **The Betrayal of Jesus**

### **Discussion Questions for Mark 14:43-52**

1. When have you ever been blamed for something you did not do?
2. What is one friendship you once had that went sour?
3. What does it feel like to be wrongly accused?
4. Who was Judas? (14:43–44)
5. Who accompanied Judas to Gethsemane? Why? (14:43–44)
6. How did the religious leaders treat Jesus? (14:43–46)
7. Why did the religious leaders bring a large, armed force to arrest Jesus? (14:43–48)
8. What signal had Judas prearranged with the armed leaders to identify Jesus? (14:44)
9. How did Judas greet Jesus? Why? (14:44–45)
10. In what way were Judas's actions contradictory? (14:44–45)
11. How did one of Jesus' disciples (we know from John 18:10 that it was Peter) react to the arrest of Jesus? (14:47)
12. How did Jesus respond to the sight of the armed men? (14:48–49)
13. How was Jesus' response to this situation different from that of His followers? (14:48–50)
14. What had to happen? (14:49)
15. Who fled the scene? When? (14:50–52)
16. What is significant about the fact that all of Jesus' followers deserted Him? (14:50–52)
17. What do we know about Judas from this passage?
18. What kind of person was Judas?
19. In what way was Judas hypocritical?
20. In what way is Judas a negative example to all of us?

21. In what ways are we like Judas in the way we treat Jesus?
22. What do Peter's actions tell us about his character and his understanding of Jesus?
23. How do you think Jesus must have felt about the fact that His disciples deserted him?
24. Why did Jesus' disciples desert Him?
25. When are you most tempted to compromise your commitment to Christ?
26. How can we prepare for times when our dedication to Christ is tested?
27. How can we guard against saying one thing and doing another?
28. How does Jesus' perseverance in this situation encourage you to endure your difficult circumstances?
29. What can we learn about Jesus' character from His actions?
30. When have you ever felt that all of your friends deserted you?
31. What difference does it make to you that Jesus was deserted by all of His friends?
32. How can you lean on Jesus when you go through very distressing and frightening experiences?
33. What can you do now to prepare for times when your dedication to Christ is tested at work, at home, or around neighbors?
34. What friend can you support through a difficult situation? How?