

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

APRIL 21, 2021

MATTHEW 26:47-56

### INTRODUCTION:

1. **MATTHEW 26.47:** *“And while He was still speaking...”*
  - a) In context, Jesus was talking with His disciples. (Matt. 26.45,46; Mark 14.41,42)
  - b) **MATTHEW 26.47:** *“Behold.”* As soon as Jesus mentioned the name of Judas, he immediately comes on the scene with a dispatch of soldiers.
2. All that Jesus had been predicting throughout His ministry was about to come to pass.

### I. THE ARRESTING PARTY

- A. Who were there to arrest Jesus?
  1. **MATTHEW 26.47:** *“And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas”*
    - a) Judas was *“one of the twelve”* (Matt. 26.47; cf. Matt. 10.1; 20.17-19).
    - b) John describes him as the one *“who betrayed Him”* (John 18.2)
    - c) What led Judas to come to Gethsemane? (John 18.2)
  2. **MATTHEW 26.47:** *“a great multitude with swords and clubs from the chief priests and elders of the people”* Mark 14.43 includes the scribes.
    - a) The multitude was made up of *“a detachment of troops and officers”* (John 18.3)
    - b) **JOHN 18.10:** *“The high priest’s servant...The servant’s name was Malchus”*
- B. How did they react?
  1. **MATTHEW 26.48:** *“Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him.”*
    - a) Mark tells us that Judas wanted Him led away safely. (Mark 14.44,45)
    - b) **MATTHEW 26.49,50:** *“Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, ‘Greetings, Rabbi!’ and kissed Him.”* (kataphileo: to fall down with affection; Luke 15.20)
  2. **JOHN 18.4-6:** *“...they drew back and fell to the ground”*
  3. They treated Him like *“a robber with swords and clubs”* (Matt. 26.55)

### II. THE DISCIPLES

- A. Who was there when they arrested Jesus?
  1. **MATTHEW 26.51:** *“And suddenly, one of those who were with Jesus.”*
    - a) **LUKE 22.49:** *“When those who were around Him...”*
    - b) In context, we are reading about His 120 disciples. (Luke 22.45; Acts 1.2,12-15)
  2. Specifically, Peter was mentioned. (John 18.10)
- B. How did they react?
  1. **MATTHEW 26.51:** *“...stretched out his hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.”* (cf. Luke 22.49,50; John 18.10)
  2. **MATTHEW 26.56:** *“Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled.”*
  3. There was one more disciple who is mentioned. (Mark 14.51)

### III. JESUS

- A. Jesus was there!
  1. Jesus did not always present Himself. (John 8.59; 11.53,54)
  2. Jesus did not hide from those who wanted Him dead. (John 18.4-8)
- B. How did Jesus react?
  1. He acted in submission to the will of God. (Matt. 26.52-56; cf. v. 39)
  2. He acted with kindness. (Luke 22.51; John 18.8,9; cf. 17.12)