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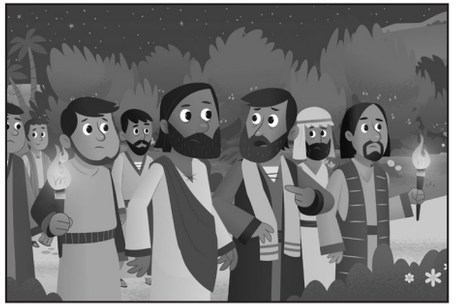
Jesus is arrested
Matthew 26:31-75; John 18:1-8

After they ate together, Jesus told His disciples, "Tonight, you will abandon Me." "Not me!" said Peter, boldly. "I will never leave You, Jesus."



Jesus sighed. "Before the rooster crows to greet the morning, you will say, three times, that you don't know Me." "I'll die with You before I do that!" Peter said.

When they came to the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus asked His disciples to pray with Him. The disciples were tired. They fell asleep. Jesus prayed alone to the Father.

Jesus knew His enemies wanted Him dead. He also knew that dying was God's plan for Him. "Show me another way," He prayed. "Otherwise, I will do what you ask."

Suddenly, a light shone. There was shouting, and everyone woke up! An angry crowd approached, sent by the religious leaders. Judas kissed Jesus to show them which man to arrest.

"I'm the one you're looking for," said Jesus. When He said this, they drew back and fell to the ground. Then they grabbed Jesus and took Him to the religious leaders.

Most of Jesus' disciples fled, but Peter followed behind. He waited in a courtyard to see what would happen. "Weren't you with Jesus?" someone asked. Frightened, Peter said, "No!"

Two other people asked the same thing. "You're wrong!" Peter said. "I don't even know Jesus!" Peter denied Jesus three times. When he heard the rooster crow, he wept bitterly.