

## FINAL HOURS

### (1-2) PLANS TO ARREST JESUS

- the Jews had been plotting the death of Jesus for a few months, but now were intent than ever

### (3-9) MARY ANOINTS THE FEET OF JESUS

- John identifies this woman as Mary

- very costly = a year's wages

- Mary is portrayed as a woman of extravagant worship

- Sitting at the feet of Jesus ([Luke 10:38-42](#))
- At the feet of Jesus when her brother Lazarus died ([John 11:31-32](#))
- Now right before his crucifixion

- Jon Courson = To keep their money secure, people in Jesus' day often invested it in costly perfumes or ointments that would be hidden in a house or buried in a field. In this case, the spikenard, which was from India, would be worth a year's salary. This spikenard was very possibly Mary's dowry—that which she would have presented to her husband at the time of her marriage. If indeed this was the case, in pouring it out upon Jesus, she was signifying that she was ready to give up everything, even marriage, in order to devote herself completely, tenderly, wholeheartedly to Him.

- some were complaining

- John tells us this was Judas Iscariot, because he was a thief ([John 12:4-6](#))

- nothing given to the Lord in worship is ever wasted

- remember what David said in [2 Samuel 24:24](#)

### (10-11) JUDAS AGREES TO BETRAY JESUS

- perhaps commending Mary pushed Judas over the edge

- when they promised money, Judas began to look for the opportune time

### (12-21) PASSOVER WITH THE DISCIPLES

- Luke tells us that the two disciples were Peter and John ([Luke 22:8](#))

- Carrying water was the job of women, so a man carrying a jar of water would have stood out even in a crowd

- a furnished upper room = Many Bible scholars believe this Upper Room was owned by the mother of John Mark, the author of this Gospel. Most likely, it was the same room wherein the disciples met on the Day of Pentecost

- key word in our passage = betrayed. This word is pops up four times in this section

### (22-26) THE LORD’S SUPPER

- the beginning of what we call the Lord’s Supper

- As often as we partake of this ordinance, we do show the Lord’s death until He comes

- Jesus again made a promise about our place with Him in heaven when He told the disciples that He would not drink again until we celebrate together in heaven

- sung a hymn = traditionally [Psalm 118](#) would be sung at the end of the Passover meal

- they left the city of Jerusalem and went back to the Mount of Olives, this time at the base to a place known as Gethsemane

### (27-31) JESUS SAYS THAT PETER WILL DENY HIM

- as they were making their way to the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus began to warn them of the dangers awaiting them

- He told them that all would be made to stumble because of Him

- He encouraged them by reminding them again of His Resurrection

- Here Peter spoke, I believe in honesty, about how Jesus could depend on him, that even if every one else stumbled, he would not

- we can learn a few lessons from the events here, and how Peter responded

- First, he was arguing with the Lord
- Secondly, he was confident in his ability to stay strong
  - These are common mistakes that we are often prone make—

- Jesus plainly told Peter that he would deny that he knew Jesus 3 times before the rooster crowed twice

### (32-42) THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

- they finally arrive at the Garden of Gethsemane, and Jesus asks the guys to be with Him while He prayed

- Jon Courson = Facing spiritual and physical suffering more intense than anything we can imagine, Jesus went to the garden to pray—and asked Peter, James, and John to accompany Him. He didn’t ask them to pray with Him—simply to be with Him. I find it interesting that during the most intense time of His whole life, Jesus would want human companionship. There is no shortage of people who will say, “Lord, I’ll work for You.” But I wonder how many say, “Lord, I’m taking some time just to be with You.”

- we cannot imagine the depth and the agony that Jesus was experiencing during this time of intense prayer

- Jesus asked Peter, James, and John to stay with Him and watch

- Jesus asked for the cup to be removed from Him, but submitted to the will of the Father
  - The greatest prayer that we can pray is, “Not my will, but what You will.”
- when Jesus returned from praying he found the guys sleeping, and said to Peter
  - Are you sleeping?
  - Could you not watch with me one hour?
- Here we see another lesson we learn from Peter
  - He was sleeping instead of praying
    - Jesus said something here that we all need to let sink down into our heart and soul—“watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”
- Jesus prayed the same prayer two more times, but the guys did not heed His earlier warning, and continued to sleep instead of watching and praying

### (43-50) JESUS ARRESTED

- John tells us that it was Peter who was swinging the sword
- Jesus said that these things happened to fulfill the Scriptures

### (51-52) MARK FLEES THE GARDEN

- Most commentators agree that this young man was John Mark, the writer of this Gospel

### (53-65) JESUS BEFORE THE HIGH PRIEST

- as Jesus was arrested and carried to the high priest, Peter followed at a distance
  - This is another common mistake that we often make – not staying close to Jesus

### (66-72) PETER DENIES JESUS

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