

## Jesus is Betrayed and Crucified

**Watch:** <https://youtu.be/kY5tGJp47wc> (end at 4 minutes)

**Read:** Matthew 26:47-50 & Mark 15:24-40

### Ask:

What did Jesus do? (he told Judas to do what he came to do; he told a disciple to put the sword away; he said that angels could come and save him if he wanted to ask; he cried out to God; he died on the cross.)

How did the disciples and the people that were around react? (Judas (who was a disciple) brought people with weapons to take Jesus away; a disciple took a sword and attacked someone; it sounds like the disciples were afraid; all the disciples ran away from Jesus when he got arrested; the crowds and the religious leaders made fun of Jesus; a centurion (a Roman soldier) saw that Jesus was actually the Son of God; many followers of Jesus who were women watched and mourned while Jesus died.)

What do you think you can learn from this story? (Even someone who was a disciple (Judas) turned to do something very bad, and we do not know why, maybe he just did it for the money – we should learn that we should be careful not to give up on Jesus like Judas did; All the other disciples who were always with Jesus and followed him, even they ran away once things got to scary when Jesus was arrested – we can learn that we can be brave in following Jesus' example. Even though the disciples were great followers of Jesus, even they were afraid sometimes and doubted Jesus. But Jesus did not give up on them even though they ran away. Jesus doesn't give up on us either, even when we make mistakes and do things that are wrong. Also, even when Jesus was dying he was still making disciples – for example, the centurion saw how Jesus died and somehow came to understand that Jesus was the Son of God. We can also show people who Jesus is through everything we do.)

### Lesson:

Jesus chose his 12 disciples carefully and taught them as they followed him. Many times the disciples missed the point of Jesus' miracles, and the disciples were definitely not perfect, but as they followed Jesus they started to understand little by little and grow in his example. But the disciple named Judas at some point stopped growing in Jesus' example, and Judas got so off-track that he gave into his fear and

### Supplies: (Included)

- Purple bottle
- Screen/net
- Rubber band

greed. He told Jesus' enemies where Jesus would be in the night so that guards could come and take Jesus away.

Jesus died on the cross with people around him mocking and laughing at him. They were mocking Jesus on the cross but they didn't know is that Jesus was dying to forgive everyone of their sins. Jesus' disciples were not even there to see when Jesus died. They had run away and it seems like they stayed away. They were probably afraid that they might also be killed!

Even though the disciples were not around when Jesus died, there were many followers of Jesus that were there. There were especially a lot of women who were there. It is interesting to see who stayed around even when Jesus was in trouble!

Sometimes we also run away like the disciples when things get hard right? Sometimes we mess up and make fun of someone who is having a hard time. Really, we do a lot of things that are bad and sinful. But Jesus, the Son of God, died on the cross, and he did it so that we do not have to feel the punishment for our sins. We just have to have faith in Jesus as God and ask for his forgiveness for all of the bad that we do. Even the Roman centurion who was part of Jesus' crucifixion was able to have faith in Jesus! And if we follow in Jesus' example, we will grow to be more and more like Jesus (kind of like your Basil plant has been growing more and more!)

**Activity:**

Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins. He died so that we can have perfect relationship with God. And spoiler alert... next week we are going to talk about his resurrection! That seems impossible, right? But it is not impossible, it happened!

In today's activity we have something that probably also seems impossible.

You have a bottle, a screen, and a rubber band.

Run some water through the screen... does the screen stop any water from getting through? Of course not!

Now take the bottle and fill it most of the way full (about  $\frac{3}{4}$ ). Then place the screen over the top of the bottle, and tightly bind it in place with the rubber band (the screen must be tight for this to work). Now ask: can this screen stop water from going through?

Very quickly flip the bottle upside down. (What is important is that the bottle is turned completely vertical as quickly as possible. Some water will come out, but most will remain in the bottle so long as it is perfectly vertical, as soon as it is turned to one side of the other all the water will spill out.)

You might have to have **patience** and try this a couple of times to perfect it, but water will stay inside the bottle. But have **faith**, the seemingly impossible is **possible**!