

Love Your Enemies

Matthew 26:47-56, Mark 14:43-51, Luke 22:47-53, John 18:1-14

"Who are you looking for?" asked Jesus.

Judas, one of the 12 disciples, came to the garden where Jesus was praying. He had a bad plan and a group of men carrying torches, swords and clubs like they were looking for a thief. They said they were looking for Jesus of Nazareth.

"I am Him," said Jesus.

When Jesus said this, the crowd fell to the ground. Then Judas came close and kissed Jesus. (Judas had planned out with the crowd that he would point out Jesus by greeting Him with a kiss.)

"Rabbi!" Judas said as he greeted Jesus.

"Do you betray me with a kiss?" Jesus asked.

Again Jesus asked the crowd, "Who are you looking for?" and the people responded, "Jesus of Nazareth."

"I've already told you, 'I am Him'," Jesus said. "Let these others go."

As the crowd grabbed Jesus, Peter pulled out a sword and attacked the chief priest's servant, Malchus, and cut off his ear.

"Put your sword away," Jesus told Peter. "My Father God wants Me to do this. I could ask my Father for angels to defend Me, but I must do what the Scriptures say will happen."

Jesus touched Malchus' ear and healed him. He showed kindness and love even to His enemies. In the confusion, all Jesus' disciples escaped and got away. But, the crowd tied Jesus up and hauled Him away to the temple leaders.

What did we discover?

The crowd with swords and clubs was looking for ____

PETER JUDAS

JESUS

2) When Jesus responded the first time with , "I am Him.", the people ____

LAUGHED FELL DOWN

HID

3) _____ cut off Malchus' ear with a sword.

PETER JESUS THOMAS

4) Jesus _____ Malchus' ear.

BROKE HEALED THREW AWAY

How can I love those who treat me badly?



I love my enemies like God loves me.

I can show the love of God in every situation.



Father,
You forgave me.
I can also
forgive others.