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Date | **April 2, 2023** Family Theme | **Suffering of Christ**
Study Text | **Mark 14:32-65**

Objective: Family members love and serve Christ because of what He has done for us.

How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible: Mark wrote his account of the life of Christ in the mid- to late- AD 50s based on the eyewitness testimony of Peter. The events of this chapter took place in AD 33.

Bible Basics: Go over the following question and answer this week with family members. **What is the Lord's Supper?** **Answer:** The Lord's Supper is a memorial celebration of Jesus' death for sinners in which believers eat bread and drink juice that represent Jesus' body and blood given for us on the cross.

Read the Word: Mark 14:32-65

Disciple Your Kids: Talk with family members about what Christ went through to provide salvation for us, and how we should respond in love and appreciation for Him.



Key Truth: Christ Was Willing to Suffer to Accomplish the Father's Will (Mark 14:32-42)

- Jesus knew it was God's will for Him to suffer and die on the cross for our sins. He was distressed. He staggered at the thought of bearing the wrath of God on the cross and being separated from perfect communion with the Father for the first time in eternity. Sorrow overwhelmed Him to the point of death and He prayed for a way out, but committed to do God's will no matter what it cost Him (verse 32-36).
- Jesus arose from prayer and returned to Peter, James, and John, only to find that they had fallen asleep (verses 37-38). They wanted to stay awake and pray, but their flesh was weak. Jesus prayed two more times, only to find the disciples asleep when He returned. After the third time He announced the hour had come for Him to be betrayed (verses 39-42).



Key Truth: Christ Suffered When His Friends Betrayed and Abandoned Him (Mark 14:43-52)

- In verse 43, Judas Iscariot came, along with a group of soldiers and officials bearing swords and clubs. Judas went to Christ and betrayed Him with a kiss of greeting. This identified Christ as the one to arrest, and they seized Him (verses 43-46).
- Jesus chided the soldiers and officials for coming under the cover of night with swords and clubs to arrest Him when they could have easily arrested Him in broad daylight when He was teaching in the Temple courts. At this point His disciples fled, abandoning Christ. He experienced what it is like to be betrayed and abandoned (verses 47-52).



Key Truth: Christ Suffered When People Lied About Him and Beat Him (Mark 14:53-65)

- After His arrest, Jesus was taken before the religious leaders who hated Him and wanted to kill Him. His truthful teaching about God and Himself drove them mad with jealous rage. They looked for any evidence, true or not, that would condemn Jesus to death. However, the testimony of the false witnesses chosen to testify against Him did not agree (verses 53-59).
- When the high priest sought to incriminate Jesus with questions, Jesus kept silent. He finally answered when asked if He was the Christ, the Son of God, affirming that He was. This was all the religious leaders needed to condemn Him to death. Jesus was then spit on and beaten (verses 60-65).

Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with family members this week. Questions in **bold** will be good to use with elementary age children.

- In what ways did Jesus suffer for us?
- **Jesus submitted to God's will even when it meant suffering. When is it difficult for you to submit to God's will?**
- **Why is it difficult to follow the Lord when those around you do not?**
- Why do we have reasons to rejoice even when we suffer for Christ's sake?
- **In what situation could you stand for Christ even when others do not?**

Everyday Extras

Send your children on a scavenger hunt to find symbols of Christ's suffering, such as a branch or vine with thorns, three nails, a whip or belt, something red, an empty water bottle, a bandage, and perhaps other symbols of the pain, betrayal, and abandonment Jesus felt (something broken, something painful, etc.). When they return with the objects, arrange them in the shape of a heart (or a cross or the word *Love*, if that is easier) to remind them that Jesus suffered on our behalf. He took our place to pay for our sins because He loved us so much. Together, sit in darkness for a few minutes to remember Jesus on the cross, and sing a song of praise for His suffering and sacrifice.

Preschool Highlights for SQUARE 1 & ROUND 2

Today your child learned people told lies about Jesus and He was nailed to a cross where He died. Afterward, a man named Joseph buried Jesus' body in a tomb, which was like a cave. A large stone was placed in front of the tomb and soldiers guarded it. **Jesus Loves Me** so much He died for my sins so that I could one day be with Him in Heaven.