



CURRICULUM GUIDE

Matthew Season 7: Death to Life

Episode 2: The Arrest of Jesus

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- Read Matthew 26:47-56 and John 18:1-11. What stood out to you this week in the sermon, in the Scriptures and what God revealed to you about Himself?
- **Discover:** Are you afraid you might go to hell? If so, what makes you afraid?
Deepen: If you have accepted Jesus as your LORD and Savior, you are in Christ and you can be confident that you are going to Heaven. Do a Bible search on verses that can be some of your “it is writtens” you can use to push back any fear you have.
- Read Matthew 26:50. What is the significance of Jesus calling Judas, “Friend.”
- **Discover:** Jesus knows the pain and suffering that’s coming, and He can call legions of angels to get him out of it, yet He doesn’t resist the will of the Father. Share a time you resisted the will of God.
Deepen: What specific areas of your life are you actively surrendering to God and/or what areas do you still need to surrender?
- Read John 18:10. Peter wanted to defend Jesus, but his actions went against Jesus’s will. Where might your good intentions be leading you to act in a way that Jesus is asking you to surrender instead?
- **Discover:** Read John 18:4-5. Why did Jesus ask this?
Deepen: What does your life right now reveal that you are truly seeking?
- In the Greek, Jesus said, “I am,” not “I am he.” What does “I am” mean?
- Pastor Joby talked about four chairs: Chair 1) Jesus: Fully surrendered to God’s will. Chair 2) Peter: Imperfect but recognizes Jesus as Lord and Messiah, repents, and is saved by grace. Chair 3) Judas: Appears to follow Jesus but has never truly surrendered to Him or been saved. Chair 4) Soldiers: Attempt to stand in authority over Jesus, picking and choosing which parts of God’s Word to obey rather than submitting to Him.
Discover: Which of the four chairs are you in right now or most of the time?
Deepen: How can you surrender more to the Lordship of Jesus and be in chair one as often as possible? Share with your group practical things you do to surrender.

Action Step: Identify one area of your life where you know what God is calling you to do but you've been resisting, delaying or trying to maintain control. Pray, surrender that area to Jesus and take one specific step of obedience this week.