

Celebrating Holy Week at Home - Thursday, April 9

Read Mark 14:26-31 & 66-72

Jesus knew that hard times would come for His disciples once He was resurrected and returned to Heaven. He told them that they would all be scattered and fall away. Jesus was telling them that the next few days would be really hard, as He was arrested, convicted and crucified on a cross. He was telling them that they would be under a lot of pressure and it would be hard for them to have courage in the very difficult days. Peter didn't believe that he would ever do that. But then, things happened just as Jesus said they would.

After Jesus was arrested in the garden and went before the council, things heated up quickly. When Jesus went before the high priest, chief priests and elders. They questioned Him, blamed Him for things He didn't do and even spit in His face. Someone noticed Peter as being a friend of Jesus and started pointing him out saying, "You were with Jesus!" However, Peter denied Jesus. He said he didn't know Him. He denied Jesus two more times that night. When Peter realized what had happened, that He had said he never knew Jesus, his heart was very sad and he cried. He knew he was wrong.

Discuss these questions with your family:

Jesus told Peter that he would tell people three times, "I don't know Jesus."

*Did what Jesus say to Peter come true?

*How did Peter react when Jesus' words came true?

*How do you feel when you know you have done something wrong and disappointed God?

*Why did God create that feeling that our heart feels when we do wrong?

Our hearts feel feelings of sadness over sin, the wrong things we do, that are inside of our hearts. We can't do anything on our own to take care of that sin, we need Jesus to come and cover our sins.

Prayer: Thank Jesus that when we sin, we know that He is able to forgive our sins if we confess them and ask Him to forgive us. Thank Him that His death on the cross covers our sin.

Activity: Get creative and think about some ways that you can let others know that Jesus is real! He was crucified and rose for the grave 3 days later! Maybe you can make posters and hang them in your windows for all of your neighbors to see. You might want to draw Easter messages on your driveway with chalk. You might even want to make a fun video to share the Easter story with your friends and family.

List your ideas here:


