



THE QUITTING BELL

**JESUS COULD HAVE QUIT
(Mt. 26:53... John 12:27)**

WHILE JESUS SUFFERED

AWFUL ANTICIPATION

- **Said the time of His departure had come (John 13:33)**
- **He told them that one of them would betray Him (John 13:18,21)**
- **Warned the disciples that they would fall (Lk. 22:31; Mt. 26:31)**
- **How did the disciples respond? They argued over who was the greatest (Lk. 22:24)**
- **What did Jesus do?**
 - **He washed their feet (John 13:1-11)**

AWFUL ANTICIPATION

- **Told them to keep watch / stand guard (Mk. 14:34)**
- **His sweat became as blood (Lk. 22:44)**
- **At that very moment, Judas is fetching the authorities.**
- **How did the disciples respond? They slept.**
- **What did Jesus do?**
 - **He asked God that they could be with Him (John 17:23-24)**

ARREST

- **Betrayed with a kiss (Mt. 26:49)**
- **Arrested by cowards (Mt. 26:55)**
- **“The hour and power of darkness are yours” (Lk. 22:53)**
- **One disciple, not understanding, attacked and cut off a servant’s ear (Lk. 22:50)**
- **What did Jesus do?**
 - **He asked for His disciples to be left alone (John 18:8) and healed the servant (Lk. 22:51)**

THE TRIALS

- **Jesus is tossed from court to court**
- **He is lied about (Mt. 26:59-60)**
- **He is beaten, spat on, and mocked (Lk. 22:63-65; Mt. 26:67-68)**
- **Meanwhile, Peter is cursing and swearing to have never known Jesus (Mt. 26:69-75)**
- **Jesus is found innocent (Lk. 23:4; John 18:38) but not released**
- **The crowd asks for a murderer to be set free and for Jesus to be crucified (Mk. 15:7-14)**
- **What did Jesus do?**
 - **He didn't complain. He was silent (Mt. 27:14). He didn't quit**

CRUCIFIXION

- **They hammered nails into his feet and hands (John 20:25; Acts 2:23)**
- **They cast lots for His clothes (John 19:23-24)**
- **They mocked Him (Mt. 27:39-44) – so did the others being crucified**
- **This went on for six hours.**
- **What did Jesus do?**
 - **He prayed for His attackers to be forgiven (Lk. 23:34)**
 - **He died (Lk. 23:46)**

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

- 1. God wants to save you! Never think otherwise (Rom. 5:8)**
- 2. How will you treat God? What will it take to make you quit? (Heb. 10:32-39)**
- 3. How will you treat others? When will you quit forgiving and stop being merciful? (Eph. 4:32-5:2)**