

# THE STORY

THE BIBLE AS ONE CONTINUING STORY OF GOD AND HIS PEOPLE

## CHAPTER 26 – THE HOUR OF DARKNESS

### DISCUSSION OF GENERAL QUESTIONS

- ❶ What is God saying?
- ❷ For what does this section lead me to give thanks? (See God’s grace and promises!)
- ❸ What sins does this section lead me to confess? (See God’s expectations for his people)
- ❹ For what does this section lead me to pray? (As you ponder the Word, what needs of heart and life for yourself and others come to mind? Consider every word you read as an invitation to turn it into a prayer you speak back to your Lord!)

**Key Events:** Jesus washes the disciples’ feet, Jesus institutes the Lord’s Supper, Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus’ arrest, trial, and crucifixion

### DIGGING IN

- 1) Jesus instituted the Lord’s Supper while he and his disciples were celebrating the Passover. What similarities are there between the two meals? What differences?
- 2) Jesus told his disciples, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” These words are comforting to many and extremely offensive to still more. Explain the difference.
- 3) Before he was arrested Jesus comforted his disciples with many promises. He told them “In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” (pg 371) What might happen if a Christian forgets that there will be sufferings and trials in this world? What gives a believer peace in the midst of trials?

- 4) While Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane he said, “Yet not as I will, but as you will.” (pg 372) Faith is a willingness to trust in God in all circumstances and for all things. Think of situations when a believer may struggle to offer the prayer of Jesus. Why is Jesus’ own prayer such a comfort to us?
  
- 5) Both Peter and Judas sinned against Jesus. Both were struck with remorse. What was the difference, then, between these two men? (pg 375)
  
- 6) When Jesus stood before Pilate he told him, “Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.” Pilate’s response was, “What is truth?” We live in a culture in which each individual can have his own version of the truth. What challenges does that present to the Christian message? How can Christians reach lost people in a culture such as ours?
  
- 7) While he was hanging on his cross Jesus told one of the thieves, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.” (pg 379) What can we learn from this exchange?
  
- 8) The centurion at the crucifixion scene concluded at the end, “Surely he was the Son of God!” What led him to this conclusion?

#### Chapter 27: The Resurrection

Bible Reference: Matthew 27-28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 19-21