

# Today's Sermon:

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## **Accepting Betraval**

(John 18:1-14)

#### And

When he had finished praying, Jesus left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was a garden, and he and his disciples went into it. (Matthew 26:36-46)

<sup>2</sup>Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>So Judas came to the garden, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and the Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns and weapons.

### And

<sup>4</sup>Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Who is it you want?"

<sup>5</sup>"Jesus of Nazareth," they replied.

"I am he," Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) <sup>6</sup>When Jesus said, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground.

<sup>7</sup>Again he asked them, "Who is it you want?"

"Jesus of Nazareth," they said.

<sup>8</sup>Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. If you are looking for me, then let these men go. <sup>9</sup>This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: "I have not lost one of those you gave me."

And \_\_\_\_\_\_ <sup>10</sup>Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.)

<sup>11</sup>Jesus commanded Peter, "Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?"

<sup>12</sup>Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound him <sup>13</sup> and brought him first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. <sup>14</sup>Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jewish leaders that it would be good if one man died for the people.