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³² And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³ And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. ³⁴ And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch."
³⁵ And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." ³⁷ And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? ³⁸ Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."
³⁹ And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰ And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. ⁴¹ And he came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴² Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."
⁴³ And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.

⁴⁴ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard."
⁴⁵ And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" And he kissed him. ⁴⁶ And they laid hands on him and seized him. ⁴⁷ But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear.
⁴⁸ And Jesus said to them, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? ⁴⁹ Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled." ⁵⁰ And they all left him and fled. ⁵¹ And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, ⁵² but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

Distressed and Troubled, the Way to the Cross

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Mark wants us to see that for Jesus, going to the Cross, was unspeakably difficult.

Jesus experienced inconceivable anguish in anticipating the cross.

Jesus devoted Himself to fulfilling His mission, for our good.

Life Group Questions:

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1. Jesus is really struggling in Gethsemane. What's causing His deep anguish?
2. In v. 34, what does Jesus ask Peter, James, and John to do? How well do they follow Jesus' request?
3. Jesus anguished over the cross, but eventually, willingly goes to his betrayer. What changed?
4. Why doesn't the Father grant Jesus' request to have this difficulty removed?
5. What's Mark's purpose in telling us about Jesus' anguish in three different places in this passage?
6. What do we feel as you read this? Feel bad for Jesus? Feel angry at the disciples? Feel good for us? Something else?
7. What would our "falling asleep" on Jesus look like?
8. How does this text encourage your walk with Jesus? How might it encourage you to encourage others?