

Episode 8: The Upper Room Part 2

The end of the Last Supper clips are over! We have experienced the whole meal through the previous seven episodes and now the disciples end with a song and head into the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus prays, pleads with God and continually finds sleeping disciples. All until a final kiss from his betrayer ends the season and the screen goes black. Let's dive into the scripture from this episode!

The episode opens with a flashback of how Thaddeus met Jesus. Although this is not explicitly stated in the bible, according to the creators, they are thought to have met through stone masonry. Jesus talks about how he was born in Bethlehem, spent time in Egypt and lived in Nazareth. (Matthew 2:1, Matthew 2:13, Matthew 21:11). He asks Thaddeus to join him in the greatest movement on earth and be his follower.

As the flashback ends, Thaddeus arrives at the Last Supper, followed by Jesus. Since we have experienced the Last Supper through the previous 7 episodes, the scene ends with the disciples singing.

- Matthew 26:30 (ESV) And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.
- This is also stated in Mark 14:26.

They leave the last supper and Jesus asks Peter, James and John to go with him into the olive grove in the garden of Gethsemane.

- Mark 14:32-33 (ESV) 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.
- This is also stated in Matthew 26:36-37 and Luke 22:39.

A couple of other scenes occur before we see Jesus in the garden praying. Atticus and Pilate are talking about how Pilate wants peace, but Atticus wants Mother Rome to be the good guy. Claudia still cannot sleep and is having bad dreams.

The Pharisees and Sadducees are arguing about arresting Jesus. Caiaphas wants to arrest him, but many of the leaders are very mad and do not agree with this approach. In a very theatrical way, Nicodemus enters the argument to stand up for Jesus. However, it is too late as Judas goes to Caiaphas' house to tell them where Jesus is so he can be arrested.

Jesus tells the disciples to keep watch while he goes into the garden to pray. Jesus says he is very sorrowful, even to death, which concerned the disciples.

- Mark 14:34-36 (ESV) 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."

- Even though Jesus was about to endure the hardship of all of our sins, he will be beaten, mocked, humiliated, he still says “your will be done”. How does Jesus’ response provide you comfort in God’s will for your life?

Jesus sees the disciples sleeping and calls Peter by his old name, Simon.

- Mark 14:37-39 (ESV) 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.
- This is also mentioned in Matthew 26:40-41 and Luke 22:39-46.
- Jesus summed it up in verse 38, our spirit is often willing, but our flesh is weak. It is important as Christians to not fall into temptation. Sin separates us from Jesus and makes our lives harder even though it can seem easier to be disobedient to God. What is something you can do when you are being tempted? Are there any temptations that you are currently struggling with? What can you do to avoid this temptation?

Jesus has three visions while he is praying, the reference of the people are from scripture, but there is not explicit scripture to say he had these visions while he was praying.

1. The first is of Abraham going to sacrifice his son Isaac (Genesis 22), but God provides a sacrificial ram in place of Isaac.
 - Refresh yourself on this story by reading Genesis 22. How do you think this story relates to what Jesus is going through? Although God didn’t provide a sacrificial lamb in place of Jesus, what role does Jesus play?
2. The second is of Ezekiel in the valley of dry bones (Ezekiel 37:1-14) and prophesizing that God will breathe on them and they shall live. They will rise from the grave and be filled with his spirit. This reminds me of what will happen to Jesus in three short days.

3. The third is of his earthly father, Joseph (Matthew 1:16). Joseph is holding Jesus, offering comfort to him.
 - When was a time you felt comforted by your earthly father? When was a time you felt comforted by your heavenly father?

Jesus sees them sleeping again for a second and third time.

- Mark 14:40-42 (ESV) 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."
- This is also mentioned in Matthew 26:42-45.

At the end of the episode Judas approaches Jesus. The disciples are all shocked that Judas was with the Roman guards. He gives Jesus a kiss and the screen goes black.

- Mark 14:43-45 (ESV) 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.
- This is also mentioned in Matthew 26:47-49, Luke 22:47-48 and John 18:1-9.
- Jesus is betrayed by someone he thought was his friend. Have you ever been betrayed by a friend or family member? What was the situation, and have you forgiven them?

There you have it, Season 5 is officially over, and it was epic! The Last Supper has concluded, Jesus was betrayed and arrested. We know what comes next because we know our bibles, but Season 6 will be the best one yet. I just know it! I hope you enjoyed this season and the study guide. It is always important to know the Truth and that comes from knowing scripture. Hopefully this study has helped you discern what was biblical and what was created for entertainment purposes. Always remember to test everything against God's word!