

## Accepting Jesus' Words

Matthew 26:31-35

### Discussion Questions

**Key Texts:** Matthew 26:31-35, Zechariah 13:7, Matthew 16:21-23, 1 Corinthians 10:12, Matthew 26:40-41, 1 Peter 5:8, Mark 16:7

### The Essentials

- 1) What exactly is Jesus' prophesying?
- 2) How might Jesus have felt about this prophecy?
- 3) Why do you think Jesus gave His disciples this prophecy?
- 4) Why do you think Peter reacted like he did?
- 5) What might we learn from Peter's reaction?

### Going Deeper

- 6) Discuss this quote from Dietrich Bonhoeffer: "In the same way that the word of a person who is dear to me follows me throughout the day, so the Word of Scripture should resonate and work within me ceaselessly. Just as you would not dissect and analyze the word spoken by someone dear to you, but would accept it just as it was said, so you should accept the Word of Scripture and ponder it in your heart as Mary did."
- 7) What does it mean for us to 'watch and pray' as Jesus has commanded us in Matthew 26:40-41?

**Memory Verse:** "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. <sup>41</sup> "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." Matthew 26:40-41

**Prayer Point:** Please pray for the upcoming prayer week during the Easter time.