

The Final Days



DAYLIGHT PREVIEW

It's Time

Only a few hours are left before His death, and Jesus gathers His disciples together. If they are to be ready when it comes time for them to spread His message, they must be reminded of His mission: servanthood and salvation. Sadly, there would still be problems of humanity that would mar those final hours: betrayal and denial. Yet amid it all, the teacher continues to prepare His followers.

COME TOGETHER

Icebreaker Questions

1. This session focuses on the Passover meal that Jesus celebrated with His disciples. What special meal is part of your family traditions?
2. During the Passover meal, Jesus washed His disciples' feet—something only a servant would normally do. What is the most menial task that you do on a regular basis? How do you feel about it?

3. What kind of look do you remember getting from your mother or father when you did something wrong?



FINDING DAYLIGHT

Experience the Video

Feel free to jot down Video Notes as you watch the presentation by Michael Card. Use the space below for those notes.

VIDEO NOTES

Parable about the second coming

The Passover supper

Jesus addresses an argument

The garden and the angel

Gallicantu

Jesus looks at Peter



WALKING IN THE DAYLIGHT

Discussion Time

DISCOVER GOD'S WORD

Discussion/Application Questions

1. This session begins with Michael Card mentioning a parable that includes a fascinating nugget. Read Luke 12:35–38.
 - a. What is the main point of the parable?
 - b. How is role reversal a part of the parable?
 - c. How does this role reversal remind us of Jesus washing His disciples' feet, as recorded in John 13—and even go beyond that?

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2. Michael then discusses the Last Supper. Read Luke 22:7–20.

Michael assumes that the disciples would have been stunned by Jesus' words in verses 19–20. When do you think they started to understand what Jesus meant?

3. Read Luke 22:21–27 to see what happens next in the upper room.

- a. Although John's gospel is the only gospel that includes an account of Jesus washing His disciples' feet, how do we see that event hinted at here?
- b. How was Jesus' act of foot-washing what Michael refers to as a living parable?
- c. What negative and positive examples of greatness does Jesus mention?

4. Jesus and His disciples then went to a place just outside Jerusalem on the lower slopes of the Mount of Olives. We know from the other gospels that they went to a garden called Gethsemane. Read Luke 22:39–46.

Although his account of this story is brief, Luke the physician gives us two details that none of the other gospels mention. He tells us that an angel came to strengthen Jesus, and he tells us that Jesus'

sweat was like great drops of blood. This was a reference either to Jesus perspiring in large drops, like blood, or to *hematidrosis*, the actual combining of blood and sweat that can occur in times of acute stress.

- a. What caused Jesus to be in such anguish?

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- b. What do you think Luke meant in regard to the disciples being asleep, "exhausted from sorrow" (verse 45)?

- c. How do you react to this story on an emotional level?

5. After this, Jesus was arrested. Read how the suspense then continues to build in Luke 22:54–62.

- a. What do you suppose Peter was thinking as he was denying that he knew Jesus?

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- b. The other gospels tell us about Peter's denials, but only Luke tells us that upon his third denial Peter discovered that Jesus was looking straight at him. How do you picture Jesus' look and the attitude behind it?