
DAILY READING

2026 NEW TESTAMENT READING

JOHN 2:1-25

SUNDAY SCHOOL READING PLAN

MATTHEW 26:47-56

JUDAS'S BETRAYAL OF JESUS

26 ⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, suddenly arrived. A large mob with swords and clubs was with him from the chief priests and elders of the people. ⁴⁸ His betrayer had given them a sign: "The one I kiss, he's the one; arrest him." ⁴⁹ So immediately he went up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him.

⁵⁰ "Friend," Jesus asked him, "why have you come?"

Then they came up, took hold of Jesus, and arrested him. ⁵¹ At that moment one of those with Jesus reached out his hand and drew his sword. He struck the high priest's servant and cut off his ear.

⁵² Then Jesus told him, "Put your sword back in its place because all who take up the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³ Or do you think that I cannot call on my Father, and he will provide me here and now with more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ How, then, would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen this way?"

⁵⁵ At that time Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs, as if I were a criminal,

to capture me? Every day I used to sit, teaching in the temple, and you didn't arrest me. ⁵⁶ But all this has happened so that the writings of the prophets would be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and ran away.