

Jesus went to pray in a garden called Gethsemane.

He took Peter, James and John with him.

'I am troubled,' he said. 'Stay here and keep me company.'

He went a little further on and prayed to God his Father. When he came back the disciples were sleeping. All the worry had exhausted them.

'Why are you sleeping?' Jesus asked. 'Get up and pray.'



While he was still speaking, Judas Iscariot and a crowd of men approached them. Judas had made an agreement with Jesus' enemies. They had given him money to hand Jesus over to them. When the disciples saw what was happening, they wanted to fight. One of them lashed out with a sword and cut off the ear of the high priest's servant. But Jesus touched the man's ear and it was immediately healed. Jesus was then led away to the high priest's house.



Peter followed the crowd at a distance.
While Jesus was being questioned and bullied in the high priest's house, Peter stayed in the courtyard. He warmed himself by the fire. A servant girl peered at him.
'This man was with Jesus,' she said.
'I don't know him,' Peter exclaimed.
Later, someone else said, 'You are one of them.'
'I am not,' said Peter hotly.
Then someone said, 'This man was with Jesus – he is a Galilean.'
'I don't know what you are talking about,' declared Peter.

Just then a cockerel crowed at daybreak. Jesus looked over to Peter and caught his eye.
How ashamed Peter felt. He went out and wept bitterly. He had let Jesus down.
He had denied him.

