

## Maundy Thursday 2021

### Reflect

Jesus, an innocent man was taken away by guards. How do you think Jesus must have felt?

If we came face to face with evil, how would we respond?

Why do you think that people were threatened by Jesus?

### Watch

Watch the following clip and reflect on how the different characters in the story must have been feeling.

<https://request.org.uk/festivals/holy-week-and-easter/the-easter-story-2/>

### Read

Read the Bible accounts of Luke 22: 47-54

What is going on and why was Jesus arrested? Do you think that Jesus should have been arrested?

### Respond

Judas, who had pretended to be Jesus' friend, came with soldiers to arrest him. Jesus was still kind and gentle, and in control. This is a moment in history when a crowd of Jesus' enemies arrived in the dark doing the devil's work. They were armed with swords and sticks, led by a traitor to arrest Jesus. **Even though the situation was frightening, Jesus was not afraid. Why?**

### Listen

Listen to the following track by Stormzy and reflect on today's story. Imagine the scene: Jesus was welcomed as a King (we remember this on Palm Sunday) and then days later he is betrayed and arrested.

<https://youtu.be/Xc5ecq1KywA>

### Act

When we trust Jesus then it doesn't matter what we face: The evil that confronts us, the power of our enemies or how afraid we feel, if we trust Jesus then we stand behind the one who is in full control. He has all power to care for us in the worst situations. We may be hurt, afraid or feel alone. But we can look at Jesus in this story and know that we are always safe with him.

**Discuss the questions below with a family member or friend:** Can you think of an example of evil that you have seen or heard about? Can you think of a time you felt frightened because of what someone else was doing? What do we know about sin and its effects on the world? When bad things happen in the world, what can a Christian be sure of?

### Pray

Dear Lord, help us to remember that you are always in control, that you love us. We ask that at this uncertain and unsettling time you are with us, guiding us and shining as a light in the darkness. We remember all those who are persecuted and those who need your love and presence in their lives. Amen