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1. Consider the disciple's words in v.38 and 49. Then consider how many times Jesus tells them to pray to not enter temptation. What temptation(s) did Jesus seem to anticipate they would face?
2. In light of Jesus' teaching, what does the disciples reaction to His arrest in vv49-50 show about their characters and their understanding of Jesus? What seemed to be motivating the disciples' resistance at this point? See also LK 6:27-36; 9:22-27; 22:22-38
3. Explain the significance of Peter's denial of Jesus in vv.56-62, in light of LK 22:33 and Mark 8:32-33.
4. Explain in your own words v.53. What did Jesus mean by "...this is your hour and the power of darkness."? Try reading it in another translation.
5. Why do you think Peter denied Jesus three times? Is there significance in that number? What other series of threes can you find in this passage?
6. Why do you think Jesus avoided directly answering the Council's question about being the Christ?
7. Consider also Jesus' response to the council's question in v.70. Why do you think Jesus didn't respond more directly and just say "Yes I am."? Would it have changed anything? Hadn't Jesus already made this claim throughout Luke? Give some examples.
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