

JESUS VS

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⁵⁵In that hour Jesus said to the crowd, “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. ⁵⁵But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

— Matthew 26:55–56 (NIV)



EVERY NATION
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HOOK

 Start the conversation by saying...

Human error can lead to massive implications, such as a \$900-million mistaken transfer, or major cybersecurity failure.

ENGAGE

 Go deeper with this...

Recall a time you made a mistake or did not meet your own expectations or standards.

LINK

 Connect to God's truth by sharing...

- Humans fail. During Jesus' betrayal, trial, and condemnation, everyone seemed to be against Him.
- The Jewish court of law found ways to incriminate Jesus.
- Jesus' friends and followers betrayed, abandoned, and denied Him.
- The people were focused on pleasing the authorities and willingly gave Jesus to be crucified.
- It's quite clear: humans are not perfect.
- Like the Jewish leaders, we could wrongly be protecting what we believe is right.
- Like Judas, we could decide that following Jesus is of less value.
- Like Peter, we could fear for our lives and deny knowing Him.
- We will always fail if not for Jesus, who gives us strength and forms us to be Christlike.

PAUSE

 Pick a question and pray together...

Discuss Together

- Have you ever felt like you failed or disobeyed Jesus? How did He restore you? Did the encounter change the way you listen to Him?

Pray Together (*pick one*)

- Thank Jesus for being perfect where you are imperfect. Pray for His restoration for areas where you feel that you have failed.
- Pray to depend on God's grace and strength daily, not your own.

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74Immediately a rooster crowed.

75Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: “Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly.

— Matthew 26:74–75 (NIV)