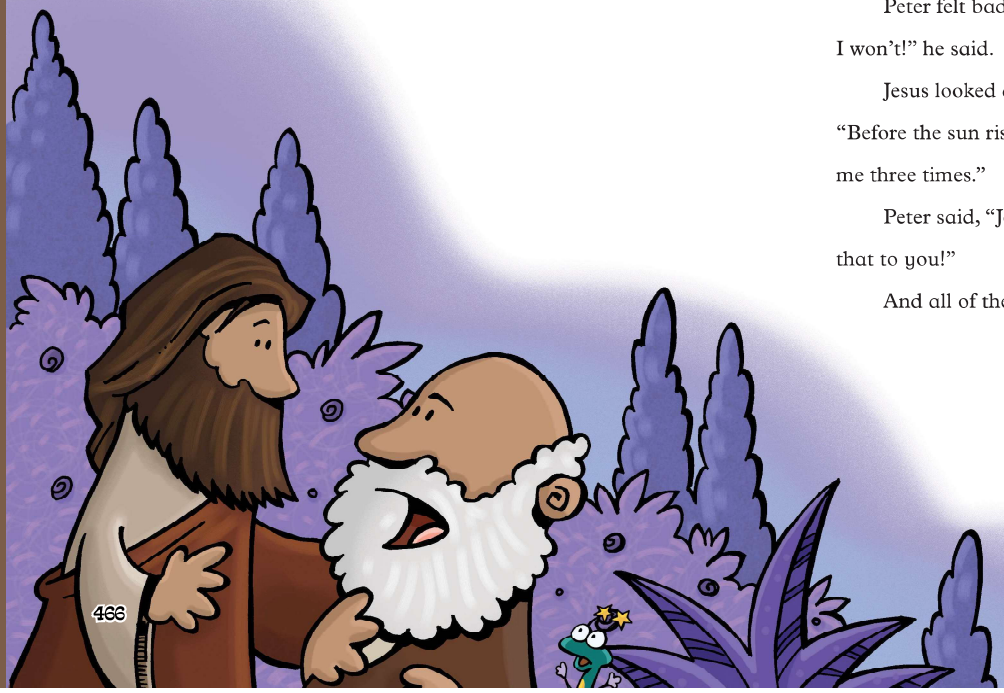
# Jesus Is Betrayed



When the meal was over, Jesus and his friends went to a place called the Mount of Olives. Jesus said sadly, "Soon you will all leave me."

Peter felt bad. "Even if all the others leave you, I won't!" he said.

Jesus looked at his dear friend and said quietly, "Before the sun rises, you will pretend you don't know me three times."

Peter said, "Jesus, I love you too much to ever do that to you!"

And all of the other disciples said the same thing.

Jesus liked Peter so much he gave Peter the nickname "The Rock." Jesus had another friend named Judas.





Jesus, Peter, Judas, and the other disciples spent lots of time together. They were all together when Jesus told them that his life had to end. It was a sad and hard time for Jesus and his friends.

Jesus felt so sad that he went to a quiet place in a garden and prayed. "Please God," Jesus prayed, "make me strong. Help me trust you."

Jesus asked the disciples to come to the garden and stay awake while he prayed. But they fell asleep.



"Wake up. Wake up. Wake up," Jesus told the disciples three times. When Jesus finished praying, it was time for them to go and face hard things.

Even though Jesus had many friends, he had some bad enemies too. Some people were scared that Jesus would change the world too much with love.

Judas got scared too. He let Jesus down. Judas told some of Jesus' enemies where Jesus was. When soldiers came to the garden, Judas kissed Jesus on the cheek to show them who they were looking for. The soldiers took Jesus away. Judas and Peter ran away and hid. They were so scared.






# Christ the King

The priests were mad at Jesus and wanted to get rid of him. "What will happen to us if the people follow Jesus?" they grumbled. So, they made a plan. "Let's take Jesus to the governor, Pontius Pilate. He can get rid of Jesus."

When Pontius Pilate saw Jesus he asked, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Jesus didn't answer. Pilate thought kings ruled over countries and people. Jesus knew that his power was about loving God. Jesus' kingdom was not the same.

Pilate was frustrated. Some people wanted to kill Jesus, but Pilate didn't think Jesus had done anything wrong. Pilate didn't want any trouble, so he handed Jesus over to the people.

The priests smiled. Soon Jesus would be gone. Jesus knew that he would die, but that wouldn't be the end of the story. Jesus knew God's plan too.

