



Matthew 26:47-68

v47 – the Twelve		Jesus’ twelve closest followers
v47- crowd	(noun)	a large group of people
v47 – armed	(adjective)	carrying a weapon
v47 – swords	(noun)	a weapon with a handle and a long sharp blade
		
v47 – clubs	(noun)	a thick heavy stick used as a weapon
		
v47 – chief priests	(noun)	the high-ranking priests; they were also part of the Sanhedrin (the Jewish ruling council)
v47 – elders	(noun)	community leaders and judges; they were also part of the Sanhedrin (the Jewish ruling council)
v48 – betrayer	(noun)	someone who helps your enemy to act against you
v48 – signal	(noun)	an action (or sound) that is intended to give a particular message to the person who sees (or hears) it
v48 – arrest	(verb)	take charge of someone because it is believed they have committed a crime
v49 – Rabbi	(title)	a respectful Jewish title meaning ‘Teacher’
v50 – seized	(verb)	took hold of something quickly, firmly and forcefully
v51 – companions	(noun)	people you associate with
v51 – drew [it] out	(verbal phrase)	pulled [it] out (of a covering)
v53 – ‘at my disposal’		able to use something whenever I want, for whatever purpose I want
v53 – legions	(noun)	large groups of soldiers
v53 – angels	(noun)	spiritual messengers sent by God to serve God and his people
v54 – Scriptures	(proper noun)	the Bible; in this context, the Old Testament
v54 – fulfilled	(verb)	achieved what was previously promised
v55 – rebellion	(noun)	a violent organised action by a large group of people to try and change a political situation
v55 – capture	(verb)	catch; gain control over someone
v55 – temple courts	(noun)	the outdoor area surrounding the temple building
v56 – prophets	(noun)	people who received messages from God and communicated them to God’s people
v56 – deserted	(verb)	left alone
v56 – fled	(verb)	ran away from a dangerous situation
v57 – high priest	(noun)	the leader of the priests, who offered sacrifices to God on behalf of the people.
v57 – assembled	(verb)	gathered together

v58 – courtyard	(noun)	an open area of ground surrounded by walls or buildings
v58 – outcome	(noun)	result; the situation at the end of a process or activity
v59 – Sanhedrin	(proper noun)	the Jewish ruling council, who made legal and religious rulings for the Jewish people
v59 – evidence	(noun)	proof to support a particular claim
v60 – witnesses	(noun)	people who saw an event happen and can tell others about it
v61 – declared	(verb)	announced officially
v61 – fellow	(noun)	a male person
v62 – testimony	(noun)	a formal statement by someone about an even that they witnessed
v63 – charge	(verb)	command, instruct, order
v63 – under oath	(phrase)	having sworn to tell the truth in a court of law
v63 – Christ	(title)	God’s king
v64 – Son of Man	(title)	a title Jesus used to refer to himself
64 – the Mighty One	(title)	God
v65 – blasphemy	(noun)	the act of saying false and insulting things about God
v66 – worthy	(adjective)	deserving
v67 – spit	(verb)	force an amount of saliva out of your mouth to show hatred toward someone
v67 – struck	(verb)	deliberately hit
v67 – fists	(noun)	a hand with fingers closed tightly into the palm, as for hitting



v67 – slapped (verb) hit someone with the palm of your hand

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⁴⁷ While Jesus was still speaking, Judas arrived. He was one of the 12 disciples. A large crowd was with him. They were carrying swords and clubs. The chief priests and the elders of the people had sent them. ⁴⁸ Judas, who was going to hand Jesus over, had arranged a signal with them. “The one I kiss is the man,” he said. “Arrest him.” ⁴⁹ So Judas went to Jesus at once. He said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” And he kissed him.

⁵⁰ Jesus replied, “Friend, do what you came to do.”

Then the men stepped forward. They grabbed Jesus and arrested him. ⁵¹ At that moment, one of Jesus’ companions reached for his sword. He pulled it out and struck the slave of the high priest with it. He cut off the slave’s ear.

⁵² “Put your sword back in its place,” Jesus said to him. “All who use the sword will die by the sword. ⁵³ Do you think I can’t ask my Father for help? He would send an army of more than 70,000 angels right away. ⁵⁴ But then how would the Scriptures come true? They say it must happen in this way.”

⁵⁵ At that time Jesus spoke to the crowd. “Am I leading a band of armed men against you?” he asked. “Do you have to come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courtyard teaching. And you didn’t arrest me. ⁵⁶ But all this has happened so that the words of the prophets would come true.” Then all the disciples left him and ran away.

⁵⁷ Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas, the high priest. The teachers of the law and the elders had come together there. ⁵⁸ Not too far away, Peter followed Jesus. He went right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see what would happen.

⁵⁹ The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for something to use against Jesus. They wanted to put him to death. ⁶⁰ But they did not find any proof, even though many false witnesses came forward.

Finally, two other witnesses came forward. ⁶¹They said, "This fellow claimed, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God. I can build it again in three days.' "

⁶²Then the high priest stood up. He asked Jesus, "Aren't you going to answer? What are these charges that these men are bringing against you?" ⁶³But Jesus remained silent.

The high priest said to him, "I am commanding you in the name of the living God. May he judge you if you don't tell the truth. Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."

⁶⁴"You have said so," Jesus replied. "But here is what I say to all of you. From now on, you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One. You will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven."

⁶⁵Then the high priest tore his clothes. He said, "He has spoken a very evil thing against God! Why do we need any more witnesses? You have heard him say this evil thing. ⁶⁶What do you think?"

"He must die!" they answered.

⁶⁷Then they spit in his face. They hit him with their fists. Others slapped him. ⁶⁸They said, "Prophecy to us, Messiah! Who hit you?"

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