

When Jesus had finished praying, he and his disciples crossed the Kidron Valley and went into a garden. Jesus had often met there with his disciples, and Judas knew where the place was. Judas had promised to betray Jesus. So he went to the garden with some Roman soldiers and temple police, who had been sent by the chief priests and the Pharisees. They carried torches, lanterns, and weapons. Jesus already knew everything that was going to happen, but he asked, "Who are you looking for?" They answered, "We are looking for Jesus from Nazareth!" Jesus told them, "I am Jesus!" At once they all backed away and fell to the ground. Jesus again asked, "Who are you looking for?"

"We are looking for Jesus from Nazareth," they answered.

This time Jesus replied, "I have already told you that I am Jesus. If I am the one you are looking for, let these others go. Then everything will happen, just as I said, 'I did not lose anyone you gave me.' "

Simon Peter had brought along a sword. He now pulled it out and struck at the servant of the high priest. The servant's name was Malchus, and Peter cut off his right ear. Jesus told Peter, "Put your sword away. I must drink from the cup that the Father has given me." JOHN 18:1-11 CEV

1. GOD IS IN CONTROL

Jesus already knew everything that was going to happen, but he asked, "Who are you looking for?" JOHN 18:4 CEV

We make our own plans, but the LORD decides where we will go. PROVERBS 16:9 CEV

2. GOD HAS THE POWER TO DEFEAT EVEN MY DARKEST ENEMIES

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Who delivers me from my enemies; yes, You lift me up above those who rise up against me; You deliver me from the man. PSALM 18:48 CEV

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. PSALM 23:4-5 NIV

3. GOD HAS A PLAN THAT IS BIGGER THAN JUST ME!

This time Jesus replied, "I have already told you that I am Jesus. If I am the one you are looking for, let these others go. Then everything will happen, just as I said, 'I did not lose anyone you gave me.' " JOHN 18:8-9 CEV

We may make a lot of plans, but the LORD will do what he has decided. PROVERBS 19:21 CEV

I was chosen to explain to everyone this mysterious plan that God, the Creator of all things, had kept secret from the beginning. God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was his eternal plan, which he carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord. EPHESIANS 3:9-11 NLT

4. GOD EVEN HAS THE POWER TO FIX MY SCREW UPS

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One of the disciples even struck at the high priest's servant with his sword and cut off the servant's right ear. "Enough of that!" Jesus said. Then he touched the servant's ear and healed it. LUKE 22:50:51 CEV

We are assured and know that [God being a partner in their labor] all things work together and are [fitting into a plan] for good to and for those who love God and are called according to [His] design and purpose. ROMANS 8:28 AMP

