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Why does Jesus repeatedly say watch and pray?

Why don't the disciples watch and pray?

What do we learn about prayer from this passage?

What do we learn about Jesus and his relationship to the Father?

How can this inform or encourage us in our own lives?

The word "temptation" in this passage can better be understood as "trial" or "test." What is the test the disciples are facing? Do they pass or fail?

What gives Jesus the ability to confidently and calmly confront his attackers?

What do the details of the trial reveal about Jesus? What about his accusers?

Read Dt. 19:15-19a - Why are they trying so hard to find witnesses that agree?

Why doesn't Jesus answer the accusations brought against him?

What shifts in vs 61b-62 that causes Jesus to speak?

Why does the High Priest respond as he does?

How would you answer the High Priest's question in vs 64? Is Jesus committing blasphemy? Why or why not?

What does Jesus mean when he quotes Daniel 7:13-14?

Consider vs 66-72. Put yourself in Peter's shoes, what might he have been feeling or thinking? Why does he act the way he does?

How are Peter's actions an example of Jesus words in vs 38?

How do you think Jesus felt when the last of the disciples abandoned him?

How can Jesus' experience become a source of comfort and hope for us?

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