



Jesus Prays for His Disciples; John 17:6-19

Jesus was worried about his friends, most especially about the friends who were his disciples.

“It is going to be very hard to be my disciples,” Jesus told them. “The rulers think I want have an army to fight them. I told them I don’t want to do that, but they just don’t believe me. They will and will want to kill me. It will be very difficult for you.”

Jesus often talked to God about his disciples. One day his disciples heard Jesus praying.

“Oh God,” prayed Jesus, “I have told my disciples all about you. I have tried to teach them to live in your way. Please help them to be strong when I die. I don’t want any of them to be hurt. I don’t want any of them to run away. I am so worried about them. They don’t know what to do sometimes. And they will be afraid when the soldiers come to take me or when people will say bad things about them.”

“I am able to help my disciples while I am with them, but now when the soldiers come, I won’t be able to help them.”

“Oh, God, please help them to stay together. Help them to love each other as I told them. If they love each other, they will be able to show and tell others how much you love them and how I came to show them your love.”