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The main application of this story is that Jesus is Lord. He is Master of life and death including His own death. Because He is Master we can trust Him for our salvation. We can trust Christ when we go through trials, including facing our own death.

Five images we can take-away from this story:

#1) It shows us **Jesus' courage**. Jesus didn't shrink back from being arrested. In truth, Jesus initiated his arrest and awaited it with courage.

#2) It shows us **Jesus' authority**. Jesus' authority is stronger than the all the might of his enemies. Jesus makes ever knee bow eventually.

#3) It shows us that **Jesus chose to die**. Jesus had to die to become the bridge that spans the chasm of sin that separates man from God.

#4) It shows **Jesus' protects** those He loves. God's will for His Son is found in John 6:39; *"And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day."*

#5) It shows **Jesus' obedience**. *Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me," he said.*

One last thought; verse 5, *"I am he," Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.)* Judas was standing with the enemies of Jesus. Judas stood as an enemy to Christ. Many thought Judas was a follower, but it turns out, he wasn't. Which put Judas' soul was at risk.

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