

**Christians are Failures (Matthew 26:31-56)**

**Introduction**

- What is one problem people have with Christianity today?
- What are we going to see about superior Christians in our passage?
- What is the failure of the disciples in Part One of Matthew 26:31-56?
- What is the failure of the disciples in Part Two?
- What is their first failure in Part Three?
- And what is their second?
- Would we have done any better?

**i Jesus' Anguish**

- What three things do we see about Jesus' emotional state in v36-38?
  - (i)
  - (ii)
  - (iii)
- Have other people apparently faced death more bravely?
- What is the first reason why Jesus' impending death was so awful?

- And what is the second, even more harrowing, reason?

## ii Jesus' Acceptance

- What does Jesus do in v39?
- What does His prayer about the cup being taken from Him mean?
- How many times does He pray the same thing?

## Conclusion

- So what is distinctive about Christians?
- What three questions should we ask ourselves?
  - (i)
  - (ii)
  - (iii)
- What do you need to do if the answer to those questions is no?