



4/14/19 Luke 22:14- 23:56 & Is. 50: 4-7

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#### **ENTERING THE SCENE:**

Since this Sunday's reading is so lengthy, I am going to ask you to have your text in hand. Take some time to sit with it and listen to it care – fully. Then, I invite you to examine the cast of characters in this text and pick out a few to 'dialogue' with as you enter into the events of these last days of Jesus' life. I suspect that each character mirrors a part of our very selves, and we can find insight by trying to imagine their situations as the drama unfolds.

**DISCUSSION QUESTION:** If you had been there that last week of Jesus' life and could question anyone who was with him, who would you like to talk to and why?

**PRAYER:** Lord, I suspect that the hardest thing about that last week of your earthly life was the sense of abandonment. First by those you had hoped would hang in there with you and finally your temporary loss of feeling the Father's presence as well. This confronts me with the reality that at my own death, I too might face this radical aloneness for a while. Help me to trust, that like you that presence of God will come flooding back as I leave this space and time for eternity. Amen.

#### **NOT FOR THE HESITANT**

It is a daring prayer: / "Thy will be done!" / If answered, it might / well destroy our ways.  
There may be heights / where we are called to run / With victory eluding all our days.  
But cautious prayers / produce such timid souls, / and dreams can die / while waiting for their time.  
My hands might never / touch the high-set goals; / Yet I must stake / my life upon the climb.

Hazel Nowell Ailor Janice Grana Ed. [Images](#). St. Mary's College Press, Winona MN 1976. Page 130.