take time **1 April** **Luke 22:47-65** read

http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%2022:47-65&version=NKJV

The arrest

study

Are you impressed at the composed way in which the Lord Jesus faces the traitor Judas (vv47-48)? He forbids His disciples to defend themselves and heals the servant of His worst opponent (v51).

Jesus shows that the actual time of day is suited to what happens now: God allows the darkness, the evil, to close in (v53).

Peter fails – all the way through (vv54-62). And how does it start? He follows Jesus only afar off. – That never ends well! Only if you are close to the Lord Jesus you are safe from failure in your faith.

How does the Lord Jesus look Peter in the eye (v61)? In an accusing way? No, it must have been with nothing but love. And this is what brings him to repentance (v62).

ans-wer

186. What happens the moment Peter denies the Lord Jesus for the third time?
187. What do the men do who are holding Jesus (vv63-65)?

in-form

Jesus was first taken to the house of the High Priest (Caiaphas) (Matthew 26:57) (v54). He was made High Priest in 18AD, by the Roman governor Valerius Gratus, Pilate's predecessor. He was the son-in-law of Annas.
Despite having been deposed as High Priest in 15AD, Annas still had quite a lot of power and influence. That's why the gospels often speak about the High Priest***s***, as Caiaphas and Annas practically ruled together.

think

Imagine the Lord Jesus would look you in the eye now. What is going on in your heart?

note down

186. Just at this moment the cock crows. 187. They mock Him and beat Him. Then they cover His head and say He should tell them who ha s hit Him. And they say many other things blasphemously against Him.