

# The Garden of Gethsemane

## Context

### Jesus Celebrates the Passover

Jesus sends the Disciples into the city to find a man and say to him the Lord needs to use your guest room for the Passover. They found him and the room just as Jesus had said.

Disciples go to prepare the Passover.

When evening came the twelve were together.

(Matthew & Mark only)

Jesus foretells one of them will betray Him.

Each was sorrowful and asked Lord is it I?

Jesus again confirms that he is going to fulfil Scripture and die.

Judas asked Jesus if it was him- Jesus replied **you have said it.**

### Jesus Institutes the Lord's Supper

Luke – with fervent desire I have desired to eat the Passover before I suffer.

Jesus took bread and broke and said take, eat, this is my body. (Luke - do this in remembrance of me).

He took the cup gave thanks and said drink from it all of you? *This is the cup of the new covenant, which is shed for the remission of sins.*

When they had sung a hymn they went to the Mount of Olives

(Matthew & Mark only)

### Jesus predicts Peter's denial

Luke – Jesus told Simon that Satan wanted to sift him as wheat. Jesus told him He would be praying for the disciples to be strengthened.

Jesus said all will stumble because of Him – The shepherd will be struck, the sheep scattered.

Jesus foretold his resurrection and will go before them to Galilee.

Peter said if even the others betray Jesus – He never would.

Jesus told Peter he would deny Him three times before the cock crowed twice.

Peter replied – even if I have to die with you I will not deny you.

## Prayer in the Garden

### Betrayal and Arrest in the Garden

Judas comes with multitudes to arrest Jesus

Whomever I Kiss – seize Him.

Judas betrays Jesus with a kiss.

Jesus called Judas friend. They seize Jesus.

One of the disciples cuts off the High Priest servant's ear with a sword.

Luke – says Jesus touched his ear and healed him.

Jesus confirmed again that scripture must be fulfilled.

All the disciples forsook Jesus and fled.

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### Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin

Jesus was taken to Caiaphas the High Priest.

Peter followed from a distance, went in to the courtyard and watched.

Chief Priests bring false testimony against Jesus to put him to death.

Many false witnesses but their stories did not agree.

Jesus kept silent against the false accusations.

He was asked the question – Tell us if you are the Son of God!

Jesus responded – It is as you said. You will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand and returning on the clouds.

High Priest ripped their clothes. Accuse Him of blasphemy.

Mark – They blindfolded Jesus.

Spat in Jesus' face and strike His face. Asked Jesus to prophecy who hit Him.

\*\* No account from Luke on this \*\*

### Peter Denied Jesus and Wept

Peter sat out side the courtyard and a servant girl declares Peter was with Jesus. Peter denied Jesus (1) – [I do not know Him](#).

Another servant Girl said that Peter was with Jesus of Nazareth. Peter denied Jesus (2). [I do not know this man!](#)

Peter is challenged again by a group of people. Surely you are one of the. Peter denied Jesus (3). Peter began to curse and swear. [I do not know this man!](#)

[Luke – The Lord turned to Peter and he remembered Jesus' words.](#)

Immediately the cock crowed.

Peter remembered the words of Jesus, went out and wept bitterly.

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### The Transfiguration - Developing a Bible Study: Mark 14:32-42

32 **They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray."**

Why did Jesus go to Gethsemane? Jesus often went there with His disciples and most probably with other disciples as well. Jesus took all the disciples, except Judas to the Garden, Judas would know where to find Jesus when he betrayed him.

Gethsemane means oil-press. The garden is located at the bottom of the mount of olives in Jerusalem.

Eight of the disciples were left there.

Within a few hours Jesus would be separated from His disciples until they would meet Him again in Galilee following His resurrection.

33 **He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled.**

He once again took Peter, James and John to be with him. See again the story of Jairus' daughter – Mark 5:37, and the the Mount of Transfiguration.

Jesus began to be deeply distressed and troubled. Why was this? This was not because of the fear of death but the association of His death by sin. 2 Corinthians 5:21 **God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**

Matthew 20:22 **But Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"** Jesus talked here to James and John about his about His death, and most specifically of God's judgement of sin. This cup is a cup of divinely appointed suffering and pain?

Mark used a different word for distress than Matthew, He talked about being deeply distressed, **ekthambeisthai**, like a darkness that feel upon Jesus.

Some commentators believe that Satan appeared to Jesus at this time to deter him for His suffering on the cross.

Jesus was entering His conflict with Satan for man, on their behalf.

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34 ***“My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,” he said to them. “Stay here and keep watch***

Jesus shared with these three men His inner most feeling?

He wanted them to stay with him and watch. He took three witnesses to witness His suffering.

Peter had said he would never leave Jesus. James and John in Matthew 20:22 spoke to James and John and asked them if they were able to drink the same cup of suffering that He was going to drink and they replied ***we are able.*** All three boasted of their willingness and ability to suffer with Him.

Jesus wanted them personally to see the struggle He had to face. He was going to serve mankind with the greatest act by becoming a curse for us, by carrying our sins.

He wanted these three men to watch what he was going through.

35 ***Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him.***

Prayer sustained Jesus through all that Jesus faced.

He fell to the ground and prayed ***if possible.*** If possible means if The Father was willing, He might be spared the coming ordeal. That man's salvation, if possible, be accomplished without His death on the cross.

36 ***“Abba, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”***

Obedying the Father was of supreme importance to Jesus. Jesus showed here and taught us that true faith will always be manifested in obedience to God's revealed will. Successful Christian Living results from seeking and knowing God's will and then doing it in faith.

Peter, James and John were to see Jesus' prayer as a powerful example to them of the submission of God's will they were to emulate at their time of testing, to be able to stand firm in their trials of faith.

Jesus had taught the disciples in Matthew 6:10 ***your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.***

37 ***Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Simon,” he said to Peter, “are you asleep? Couldn't you keep watch for one hour?***

Jesus returned and woke up the men, who had fallen asleep whilst Jesus was praying.

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These were fishermen who used to toil all night to catch fish. Yet they couldn't stay awake for even one hour. They were close enough to hear Jesus's prayers of anguish and they went to sleep.

Why did Jesus address Peter? Jesus addressed Peter **are you asleep, Kai sy teknon**, addressing Peter as **you my son**. *You Peter who promised faithfully you would stand by me.* However he used the plural term for you, meaning He was addressing all three of the disciples.

Jesus had only asked them to watch for an hour. Not for the whole night.

**38 Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."**

It was not a good thing that the disciples slept while Jesus was in such agony.

Luke records that an angel appeared to strengthen Him and the disciples missed it!

They too needed strength for God by prayer for what lay ahead of them. Jesus' words of rebuke were faithful words of advice. "If you do not *watch and pray*, and use the means of perseverance, you may be overcome."

**39 Once more he went away and prayed the same thing.**

Jesus prayed the same thing again. He was persistent in prayer. In Luke 18:1 Jesus taught about the parable of the persistent widow, **Men ought to pray and not lose heart.**

**40 When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him.**

Jesus showed once again his continuing care for His disciples. He came back to see how they were doing?

Jesus shows care for His church even when it is half-asleep? Today Jesus intercedes for His Church.

**41 Returning the third time, he said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners.**

In 2 Corinthians 12: 7-8 Paul pleaded with the Lord three times before he had a peace about it. **Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. <sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it**

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*away from me. 9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.*

This does not mean that praying three times is a magic formulae to get our prayers answered, but, it does affirm we need to be persistent until God answers.

Jesus returned after the third time of prayer victorious over the assaults of Satan.

Mark is the only one that used this word enough! **Apekei.** The disciples were discharged from watching any more. Jesus said they no longer needed to watch because the appointed time had now come.

The handing over of Jesus to sinners was done by God, not by Judas. Jesus' arrest could be regarded as disastrous but Jesus affirmed this was part of God's plan.

42 **Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"**

Jesus said to the disciple don't lie there any more. Get up - let's go and meet the enemy!