

# Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

## His Betrayal and Arrest

Matthew 26:14-16, 36-56; Mark 14:10-11, 32-50;  
Luke 22:39-53; John 18:1-11

The cross and heart have a very important part in today's story.

What do you think they symbolize?

### The Story - Gospel Harmony

Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Him to them. And when they heard *it*, they were glad, and promised to give him 30 pieces of silver. So he sought how he might conveniently betray Him.

Then Jesus went out with His disciples over the Brook Kidron, to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, "**Sit here while I go and pray over there.**" And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. Then He said to them, "**My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.**"

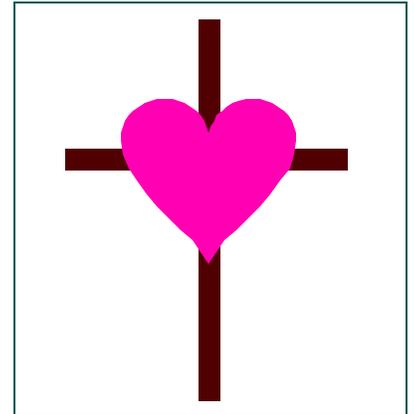
He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "**O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.**" Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. And being in agony, He prayed

more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. When He rose up from prayer, and had come to His disciples, He found them sleeping from sorrow, and said to Peter, "**What? Could you not watch with Me one hour? Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.**"

Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, "**O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.**" And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy. So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

Then He came to His disciples and said to them, "**Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand.**"

Then Judas, having received a detachment of troops, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with



lanterns, torches, and weapons. Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him. Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?" They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am He." And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them. Now when He said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground. Then He asked them again, "Whom are you seeking?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I have told you that I am He. Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way," that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, "Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none."

Then Judas went up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed Him.

But Jesus said to him, "Friend, why have you come?" They came and

laid hands on Jesus to take Him. Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me? Permit even this." He touched Malchus's ear and healed him. Then He said, "Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?"

Jesus said to the multitudes, "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? I sat daily with you, teaching in the temple, and you did not seize Me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness. But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled."

The detachment of troops and the captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. All the disciples forsook Him and fled.

## Story Details

1. Jesus prayed to God the Father in the garden. What did He ask of His Father?
2. After finding His disciples asleep, Jesus asked them to watch with Him. How many times did Jesus return to find His disciples asleep?
3. Judas led a troop of Roman soldiers into the garden. What did Jesus do when He saw them?
4. How did Judas indicate which of the men in the garden was Jesus?
5. Peter comes to the rescue with his sword. What was Jesus response to Peter's quick actions?
6. Which of the disciples remained with Jesus when He was arrested in the garden?

## How Does This Apply To Us

Jesus taught us about prayer with the Lord's Prayer. In today's story Jesus again teaches us about prayer. What are the lessons on prayer this story teaches?

Jesus also taught us about His mission here on earth with His prayer and with the way He greeted the Roman soldiers. From the words Jesus said to Peter, why do you think Jesus did not fight for His own life?

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## Inner Aim - Jesus submitted to His Father's will to save mankind.

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**What God Says To Us** - Look up the following passages and use them for discussion.

1 Peter 5:6-7

John 5:14

Romans 8:27-32

1 John 3:1

How do these passages fit today's story?

For what part of the story does each passage apply?

What new meaning does the cross and heart have after this lesson?

## Prayer

What love Jesus had for us to willingly suffer the humiliation, the pain, and to die for us. This story begins Jesus' long journey to the cross. A journey He would take alone. This He did in obedience to God and in love for us. We pray...

Dear Jesus,

I can't even imagine how much You suffered for me in the Garden of Gethsemane and on the cross of Calvary. I'm sorry that my many sins made it necessary for You to have to suffer as You did, but with all my heart I thank You for doing it. I could never have done what You did, and You surely did not deserve to suffer in my place. Thank You, dear Jesus, for suffering the punishment of hell for my sins. Amen.