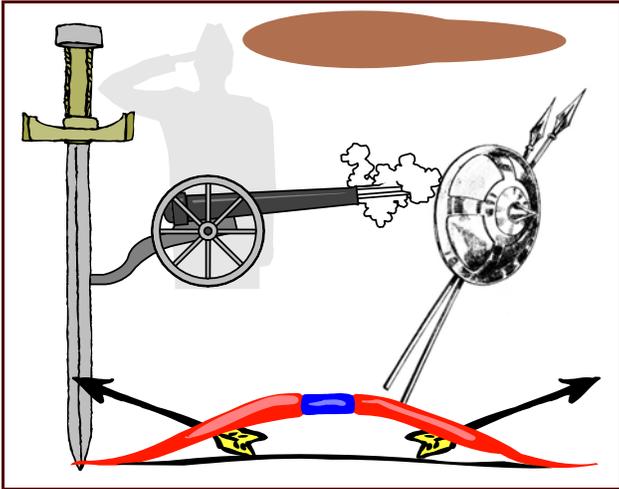


Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

His Betrayal and Arrest

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



What are these objects (sword, cannon, club, spear, arrows) used for?

Were any of these things used when Jesus was arrested?

Were they necessary?

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,
Your Son submitted to Your will by coming to earth to suffer and die for our sins. As we study Your word today, help us to remember Your will for us in our lives as well. May we never forget the words of our Savior, "YOUR will be done." Amen.

The Story - Gospel Harmony

Now Judas had arranged with the chief priests to betray Jesus for the price of thirty pieces of silver.

After the Passover meal, Jesus and His disciples went over the Brook Kidron to a place called Gethsemane. "Sit here while I go and pray over there," Jesus told the group. He took Peter, James, and John with Him. Jesus 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 the ground 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." An angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. He was in such agony that the sweat from



His face became like drops of blood falling down to the ground. When He rose up from prayer, He went to where the three disciples were and found them sleeping. "What? Could you not watch with Me one hour?" Jesus asked, "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." He came again and found them asleep, for their eyes were heavy. So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. Again when He returned, He found them asleep. Jesus said, "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."

Judas came with a large group of soldiers and the officers of the chief priests and Pharisees, carrying lanterns, torches, and weapons. He had arranged a signal beforehand, saying, "The one that I kiss, He is the One; seize Him." Jesus knew what was in Judas' heart, so He came forward and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?"

They said, "Jesus of Nazareth."

Jesus answered, "I am He."

Immediately they drew back and fell to the ground. Then He asked them again, "Whom are you seeking?" They said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I have told you that I am He. If you are looking for Me, let these others go their way."

Then Judas went up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed Him. But Jesus said to him, "Friend, why have you come?" The soldiers came and grabbed Jesus to take Him away. Peter drew his sword and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his ear. His name was Malchus. So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword away. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?" Then He touched Malchus's ear and healed him.

Jesus spoke to the crowd, "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 soldiers and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and tied Him tightly. All the disciples ran away.

Outer Aim - Jesus prayed in the garden, was betrayed by Judas and arrested.

Recalling Details - Fill in the blanks with answers from the story.

1. Jesus and His disciples went to the Garden of _____.
2. While Jesus prayed to His Heavenly Father, an _____ came to strengthen Him.
3. _____ came with soldiers and the chief priests to arrest Jesus.
4. He betrayed Jesus with a _____, saying "Greetings, Rabbi!"
5. Jesus healed the ear of _____.
6. When the soldiers arrested Jesus, all the _____ ran away.

Discussion Questions

1. How is Jesus' prayer in the garden a good example for us?
2. The disciples had promised to be faithful to Jesus. Name two ways they failed in this lesson.
3. Jesus' words, "Watch and pray," are important warnings to us, as well. What are some ways we could be "fast asleep" as Christians?
4. How can we guard against this?

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

Passages

Matthew 26:41 – Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

1 John 3:1 – Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!

Hymn - TLH 151 v. 1, 2, 7

Christ, the Life of all the living,
Christ, the Death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe, —
Thro, Thy suff'rings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit:
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,
O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver
From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden,
I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

What did Jesus win by coming to earth? What did we win by His death?

Prayer

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 like that in my place. Thank You, dear Jesus, for suffering the punishment of hell for my sins. Amen.