

Jesus Christ: In the Garden Of Gethsemane

Text: Matthew 26:30-56; *Mark 14:32-52*; *Luke 22:39-*

53; John 18:1-11

Introduction:

1. Matthew 26:30 - Passover supper completed
 - a. Went to the Mt. of Olives.
 - i. Matthew 26:36 - Gethsemane - Enclosed garden.
 - ii. John 18:2 - Place of resort for Jesus and disciples.
 - b. In Gethsemane, Jesus experienced great agony and anxiety as He prayed to the Father
 - c. He exhorted His disciples and presented Himself for arrest.
 - d. We witness Judas' kiss of betrayal, the mob which arrested Jesus and the flight of His disciples.
2. Hebrews 5:7-9 - There, Jesus **learned** and **teaches** us obedience!

I. JESUS IN THE GARDEN.

A. He **Prayed** To The Father - Matthew 26:36-39, 42, 44.

1. His humanity is seen.
 - a) *Sorrowful unto death, troubled, agony - Reflect His thoughts and feelings as He neared death.*
 - b) Luke 22:44 - *Sweat as great drops of blood.*
 - c) Matthew 26:39 - *Desired to have cup of suffering removed.*
 - d) *Jesus was fully man and experienced all the feelings of humanity - Hebrews 4:15.*
2. **We See His faith in God** - Mark 14:36.
 - a) He **Resolved** to do The Father's will - John 12:27; 6:38; Philippians 2:8.
 - b) And what is Our **resolve**? - Joshua. 24:15; John 7:17; Hebrews 13:21.
3. **He was heard by God** - Hebrews 5:7-8.
 - a) *Godly fear.*

- b) **Luke 22:43** - Angel sent to strengthen Him.
 - c) **John 5:14-15** - God hears His people!
- B. He **Exhorted** His Apostles - **Matthew 26:37-41**.
1. **v. 37-38** - Peter, James and John - "Watch with me." (**Luke 22:40** - Also told to pray).
 2. **v. 40** - **Sleeping** - **Scolded** - The need for **faithfulness**.
 3. **v. 41** - **Why?**
 - a) **V. 31-35** - **Because of impending dangers**.
 - b) **The need to seek divine strength**.
 4. **Lessons: Watch** - Be on guard against sin - **1 Peter 5:8**.
 5. **Pray** - Dependency upon God - **1 Corinthians 10:13; Matthew 6:13**.

C. He Voluntarily **Surrendered** - **John 18:3-11**.

1. **v. 4-7** - Openly gave Himself (**John 10:17-18**).
2. **Matthew 26:51-54** - Prohibited violence - Knew God's will and freely obeyed Him!
3. **John 18:8-9** - Protected His disciples.
4. **Luke 22:50-51** - Healed ear of Malchus -- **No hatred!**

II. JUDAS: FRIEND TURNED BETRAYER - **Matthew 26:49-50; Psalms 41:9**.

A. Judas Leads The **Mob** - **John 18:3**.

1. Received soldiers and temples officers to go, arrest Jesus.
2. **Mark 14:10-11**- Sought convenience - Cover of darkness gave it.
3. **John 3:19-21** - Sinners love "darkness" to hide evil works.

B. The **Deed** Is Done.

1. **Mark 14:44** - Kiss to identify Jesus.
2. **Mark 14:44** - "Safely" - Judas may have had a false impression on what would happen to Jesus - **Matthew 27:3-4, ff.**
3. Judas' end was one of **shame and suicide**.
4. **Lessons:**
 - a) **Do not betray Jesus with a kiss! (Doctrine, immorality, etc.)**

b) We must **carefully weigh** the consequences of our actions! - **Matthew 5:13-16, Galatians 6:7.**

III. THE DISCIPLES OF JESUS: SCATTERED - Matthew 26:56.

A. **Predicted** By Jesus.

1. **Matthew 26:31** - Fulfilled **Zechariah 13:7** prophecy.
2. **John 16:30-32** - Statement of *faith* tempered with *reality* of what was about to happen!
 - a) *In the face of tribulation, they would desert Jesus.*
 - b) *Yet - from **Matthew 26:32** - Hope extended to them.*
 - c) *Later rejoicing - **Acts 5:41.***
3. *Is our faith ready to stand the test? - **1 Corinthians 10:12; Hebrews 10:36-39.** (Or do we “scatter” when tried by sin, error, the world?)*
4. Our faith should grow from where it is now! - **2 Peter 1:5-8.**

Conclusion:

1. Jesus was ready to be obedient unto death - **Philippians 2:8.**
2. He learned obedience thru these events (**Hebrews 5:8**), and became the one who gives salvation to the obedient (**Hebrews 5:9**).
3. Won't **you** go to Gethsemane with Jesus **and do the Father's will?**