

Jesus at the Garden
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Matthew 26:36 – 54

Then Jesus went with them to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and he said, “Sit here while I go over there to pray.”³⁷ He took Peter and Zebedee’s two sons, James and John, and he became anguished and distressed.³⁸ He told them, “My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”³⁹ He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, “My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.”⁴⁰ Then he returned to the disciples and found them asleep. He said to Peter, “Couldn’t you watch with me even one hour?⁴¹ Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak!”⁴² Then Jesus left them a second time and prayed, “My Father! If this cup cannot be taken away⁴³ unless I drink it, your will be done.”⁴³ When he returned to them again, he found them sleeping, for they couldn’t keep their eyes open.⁴⁴ So he went to pray a third time, saying the same things again.⁴⁵ Then he came to the disciples and said, “Go ahead and sleep. Have your rest. But look—the time has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.⁴⁶ Up, let’s be going. Look, my betrayer is here!”⁴⁷ And even as Jesus said this, Judas, one of the twelve disciples, arrived with a crowd of men

armed with swords and clubs. They had been sent by the leading priests and elders of the people.⁴⁸ The traitor, Judas, had given them a prearranged signal: “You will know which one to arrest when I greet him with a kiss.”⁴⁹ So Judas came straight to Jesus. “Greetings, Rabbi!” he exclaimed and gave him the kiss.⁵⁰ Jesus said, “My friend, go ahead and do what you have come for.” Then the others grabbed Jesus and arrested him.⁵¹ But one of the men with Jesus pulled out his sword and struck the high priest’s slave, slashing off his ear.⁵² “Put away your sword,” Jesus told him. “Those who use the sword will die by the sword.”⁵³ Don’t you realize that I could ask my Father for thousands of angels to protect us, and he would send them instantly?

3 questions to ask ourselves from this passage

1. JESUS - Are you OBEDIENT in submission?
2. JUDAS - Which GOD will you FOLLOW?
3. PETER - Do you have FLAWED views of God?