

Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship

"We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ." Col 1:28

"The Murder of Jesus"

Part 6

Luke 22:39-46

June 2, 2024

Passion Week

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Jesus arrived in Bethany yesterday (Saturday), and on Sunday the crowds visit Jesus and Lazarus in Bethany, which leaders (John 12:9-10).	10 Select the afficial lamb (Exodus 12:3 "On the tenth of this month they are each one to take a lamb for themselves...") Jesus cleanses the courtyard, and assured people and prevented them from using the temple as a shortcut Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey colt (Matt. 21:1-11; Mark 11:7-11; John 12:12-15) Jesus' conversation with Gethsemane (John 12:30-36) God the Father audibly speaks, and everyone hears (John 12:28-33) Jesus visits the temple, looked around, and hears many Jews return to the Bethany for the evening	11 Jesus curses the fig tree (John 8:12-14) Jesus cleanses the Temple again, He rebuked Jewish leaders' official challenge of Christ's authority Jesus tells the chief priests, scribes and Pharisees on the Temple grounds Jesus' conversation with Gethsemane (John 12:30-36) God the Father audibly speaks, and everyone hears (John 12:28-33) Jesus visits the temple, looked around, and hears many Jews return to the Bethany for the evening	12 Withdrew from the fig tree (Mark 11) Jesus teaches at the Temple grounds, rebuked Jewish leaders' official challenge of Christ's authority Jesus tells the chief priests, scribes and Pharisees on the Temple grounds Jesus' conversation with Gethsemane (John 12:30-36) God the Father audibly speaks, and everyone hears (John 12:28-33) Jesus visits the temple, looked around, and hears many Jews return to the Bethany for the evening	13 Jesus sends Peter and John to prepare for the Passover meal. Note: Jews from Galilee (northern Israel) separate themselves from the Passover on Thursday after sunset. Jesus & disciples last Supper The Upper Room Discourse and Priestly Prayer Jesus High Priestly Prayer	14 Early am betrayal and arrest of Jesus 6 Trials of Jesus (3 Jews then 3 Roman) The Passover day Jews from Galilee (northern Israel) would celebrate Passover on Friday. Jesus High Priestly Prayer Jesus High Priestly Prayer	15 Jesus' body in the tomb Day 2. Jewish Feast of Unleavened bread continues for 7 days The Passover day Jews from Galilee (northern Israel) would celebrate Passover on Friday. Jesus High Priestly Prayer Jesus High Priestly Prayer	16 Jesus' look in the tomb Day 3. Jesus is resurrected Resurrection appearances over the next 40 days to over 500 people Jesus High Priestly Prayer Jesus High Priestly Prayer

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- Upper room to the Garden of Gethsemane.

"custom" - used by Jesus and disciples numerous times.

- Many in Jerusalem had gardens on the western slope of the Mt. of Olives because space was limited in Jerusalem.

- May have been fenced or gated.

- No doubt owned by trusted believers (a man or family)

- Provided privacy, a place to get away.

- This is perhaps midnight or after.

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- What Jesus says here indicated that the disciples will be entering into a spiritual warfare that they had not known.
- Satan will be using every means possible to "blow this whole thing up."
- Temptation will come upon the disciples. They must be aware of that. They must refuse. They must stay strong.
- Scripture does not record specifically what temptation would befall them.

Matt 6:7

13 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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- The other gospels tell us: 8 were left maybe at the gate. Peter, James and John went a little further with Jesus, and now Jesus goes by Himself still further.
- "stone's throw" – 30-40 feet.
- The customary position to pray was standing up.
- Other gospels say He laid flat on the ground.

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- At first glance, it appears this is a sign of weakness – Jesus does not want to face the cross.
- But that is absolutely false!
- Here is what Jesus saw in the cup:
 1. **The sin of the world.** That sin would be placed on Him by the Father. All of the sins committed by everyone in the world over all of time would be placed on Him.
 2. **The wrath of God against that sin.** He would become the One who would bear the full wrath of an angry God.
 3. **Separation from the Father.** If the sin of the world is placed on Him, and He becomes sin, separation from the Father is inevitable. Very difficult for Jesus to think of the wrath of His own Father falling on Him.

2 Cor 5:21

21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
Why was Jesus wanting this cup removed? Because He is holy and righteous, unstained by sin. The thought of the weight of the sin of mankind placed upon Him, sin which Jesus hated to His core, was nearly too much to bear. "Is there another way?" This is how the holy, pure Son of God reacts to sin.

- The Garden of Eden made necessary the Garden of Gethsemane.

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βουλομαι – a determinative will. A plan. "If this is a part of your plan, remove this cup."

θελημα – a wish, a desire.

• **Great example of how we should pray:**

1. We are always submissive in our prayers to the greater plan and purposes of God.
2. It is right and proper to express our desires, emotions, inclinations to God.
3. My desires may not always fit in the determined plan of God. That's ok. Our goal is to glorify Him most fully in everything.

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- George Morrison

"Every life has its Gethsemane, and every Gethsemane has its angel."

43 Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him.

- The Father dispatches an angel to provide strength for His Son.
- The struggle, the pain, the agony, the suffering was too much to bear. He is at the point of death.

Mark 14:34

34 And He said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved to the point of death;

1 other place angels came -

Matt 4:11

11 Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and began to minister to Him.

Heb 1:12

14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

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"fervently" – **εκτενησ** – intensity, stretched to the limit.

- Jesus is praying with such passion, that His body begins to show the effects.
- The burden, the weight of the cup, to bear sin, wrath, and separation, has taken His body to the limit.
- **"like drops of blood"** . . .

"His sweat became like drops of blood - Like blood, but not blood, most likely because it was blood tinged. Hematidrosis is a rare medical condition where one's sweat will contain blood. The sweat glands are surrounded by tiny blood vessels which apparently can dilate to the point of rupture so that blood mixes the sweat."

- Bruce Hurt, M.D.

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- Jesus was soaked in sweat and blood.
- We will never fully understand what Jesus experienced.
- He was near death.

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- In spite of what He had gone through, He still thought of His disciples and their spiritual condition.
- They were sleeping from sorrow.
- One of the clinical signs of depression is excessive sleeping.
- They were sad – everything has fallen apart – Judas, Peter, Jesus going to the cross. Where is the Kingdom? Where is the victory?

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- Jesus knows at this point that the battle is intense.
- It will be difficult for their faith not to fail.
- They need to resist.
- Satan will be putting all kinds of thoughts in their heads to defect.
- They need God's help in their time of depression.

Application

1. Do you live a surrendered life?
2. Coming in contact with sin is unavoidable, but does it bother you?
3. Depression, sorrow, sadness requires the power of God strengthening us through prayer to resist temptation.

Isa 41:10

10 'Do not fear, for I am with you;

Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you, surely I will help you,

Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

Phil 4:6

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.