

Jesus Prays on the Mount of Olives

Luke 22:39-62

Key Verse: 22:42

"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."

1. Read verses 39-40. Where did Jesus go? What do the words "as usual" suggest? (21:37-38) Who followed him? What did he instruct his disciples to do?
2. Read verses 41-44. What was Jesus' prayer topic? What did he mean by "this cup"? What was God's will? (Lk 9:22-23; Mk 10:38-39) Why and how did he struggle? Who helped him? Why? What does this show about him? What can we learn here from Jesus? (44)
3. Read verses 45-46. What were the disciples doing? What does "exhausted from sorrow" mean? Why did Jesus want them to pray? (40,46) What does this reveal about the disciples?
4. Read verses 47-48. Who led the arresters? How did Jesus warn Judas? (Why "Son of Man"? (69; 9:26) What is the irony of the kiss? How might Judas's betrayal in this way affect Jesus?
5. Read verses 49-53 How did the other disciples react? How does this reveal their lack of prayer? What did Jesus teach his disciples by word and action? How did he respond to the mob that came to arrest him? What does this reveal about them?
6. Read verses 54-62. Describe Peter's progression toward denial (40,46,50, 54, 55). Describe his three denials. When and what did Peter remember? What did Jesus' straight look at Peter mean? (61; 31-34;)