



Gethsemane

Nov 13

INTRODUCTION: The climax of Jesus' passion are immanent and key events will soon unfold. It is here that He sweat blood as the Father placed the sins of His people on Jesus (Lk 22:44). It was His hour, He was going to the slaughter as the Lamb. It is a heroic account mingled with human failure.

REVIEW: [Mark](#) (be cautious with other videos)

KEY POINT: pressure, watch and pray, failure, victory

A.M. SERMON RECAP (Passover, Mk 14:12–25)

- What was the Passover?
- Betrayal, why is it significant that this is when Jesus would die?
- How did Jesus change the significance of the Passover in the Lord's Supper?
- Other...

P.M. SERMON RECAP (Peter's Denial, Mk 14:26–31)

- How do we see human weakness and failure?
- How do we see Divine struggle and victory?
- Whom must we trust to overcome sin?

READ: Mark 14:32–42

QUESTIONS:

1. *Gethsemane was an olive grove and means olive press, i.e. the place where olive oil was pressed out of the olives. The disciples stop there, either as a break en route to Bethany or as 'camping' near Jerusalem.*
2. Do we place as much emphasis on Gethsemane in the Passion and in salvation history as we ought? What was happening here?
3. **How is the name of this place befitting of what would happen there?**

4. V. 32- Being after mid-night (Friday morning), might the disciples have thought it was an odd time to pray?
5. V. 33- Why did He bring His inner circle? What did He want them to see?
6. V. 33b & v. 34a- Again, what was happening to Jesus?
7. **V. 34b- 'remain and watch'- Why did Jesus want them to watch? Was it for Him or for them?**
8. *V. 35 summarizes what Jesus said in v. 36. What four things strike you about this prayer? How can our prayers be similar?*¹
9. **V. 37- How long had Jesus been praying? How long do you pray/how much time do you devote to prayer?**
10. V. 37- Simon has just promised not to forsake Jesus; what has he just done?
11. With what Jesus has recently warned them of, what they have just pledged and the trial that soon befalls the disciples, **what temptation is Jesus urging them to watch for?**
12. *It is also His moment of need and they are not there. How ought we to be there for our friends? When they fail, who remains faithful?*
13. *V. 38b- 'The [human] spirit is willing; but the flesh is weak [physical needs & desires].'* **Discuss.**
14. *Physical fatigue sometimes gets to us. How can it effect us spiritually (and visa versa)?* While rest is important, how at times does the Spirit sustain us?
15. *V. 38- 'Watch and Pray'- How is this a good motto for the Christian life, which is a constant battle?* How do idols distract us from our call to watchfulness?
16. *Three times, 3x's, Jesus found the disciples asleep! Enough could mean: sleep, prayer or time. The answer to Jesus' prayer comes in the circumstance.*
17. *V. 41a- They think they are up for it, yet can't stay awake (13:37). How is the battle lost when we don't see our need and don't pray? (Human pride + weakness= a deadly combo)*
18. *The Son of Man, a grand Divine name for Jesus, highlights the gravity of the betrayal and also His mission.*

NEXT WEEK: Nov 20- Mk 14:53–65, Jesus & the Council

¹ The cup is a symbol of God's wrath (Isa 51:17–23; Jer 25:15–18).