

Lesson 4

The Garden of Gethsemane

Matthew 26:31-56, Mark 14:27-52 and Luke 22:31-53

Begin today's lesson asking the Holy Spirit to illumine your mind and to teach you His precepts.

1. What concept from last week's lesson was especially helpful or thought provoking to you?

Read Matthew 26:31-56, Mark 14:27-52 and Luke 22:31-53 out loud every day this week.

2. As you read the above verses, what initially strikes you?
3. In Matthew 26:31-32 and Mark 14:27-28, what three things did Jesus tell His disciples, and how could some of this information have encouraged them as they went through the next few days?
4. Discuss Peter's attitude when Jesus gave the disciples this information in Matthew 26:33-35, Mark 14:29-31 and Luke 22:31-34.
5. How do you think Peter showed that he was operating out of pride when the Lord Jesus Christ confronted him? What do you learn from Peter's example?

“And He went a little beyond them and fell on His face and prayed, saying, ‘My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless not as I will, but as Thou wilt.’”

*Matthew 26:39
(KJV)*

Read Matthew 26:36-46, Mark 14:32-42 and Luke 22:40-46.

6. Describe the place called Gethsemane.

7. Find phrases that describe the emotional state of Jesus in Gethsemane.

8. Discuss the way the disciples “supported” Jesus in Gethsemane. What do you think was going on?

9. What was the request of the Lord Jesus’ prayer and what seems to have been His heavenly Father’s answer? Also, how did He address His Father?

10. How did Jesus respond to this answer?

11. How do you respond when what you want is very different from what you discern is the Lord’s answer? Can you say what Jesus said in Gethsemane? Why or why not?

Read Matthew 26:47-56, Mark 14:43-52, Luke 22:47-53 and John 18:2-12.

12. Describe the group Judas brought with him to Gethsemane.

13. Discuss the interesting scene that only John recorded in John 18:4-9. After seeing this display of the majesty of the Lord Jesus, what does the mob’s response tell you about the condition of their hearts?

14. From Matthew 26:50, Luke 22:47-48 and Acts 2:23, was Jesus caught unaware by Judas' kiss?

15. What do you think was going through Peter's mind in Matthew 26:51, Mark 14:47, Luke 22:49-51 and John 18:10-11?

16. From Matthew 26:52-54 and John 18:11, was Jesus a victim when He was arrested? What role did His will play in these events? Discuss.

17. What happened at the conclusion of the time in Gethsemane? How do you think Jesus must have felt?

18. Have you ever been ashamed of the Lord Jesus Christ? Discuss what happened.

19. Based on your study this week, what do you think God is teaching you or inviting you to do or be?

Lecture Notes: