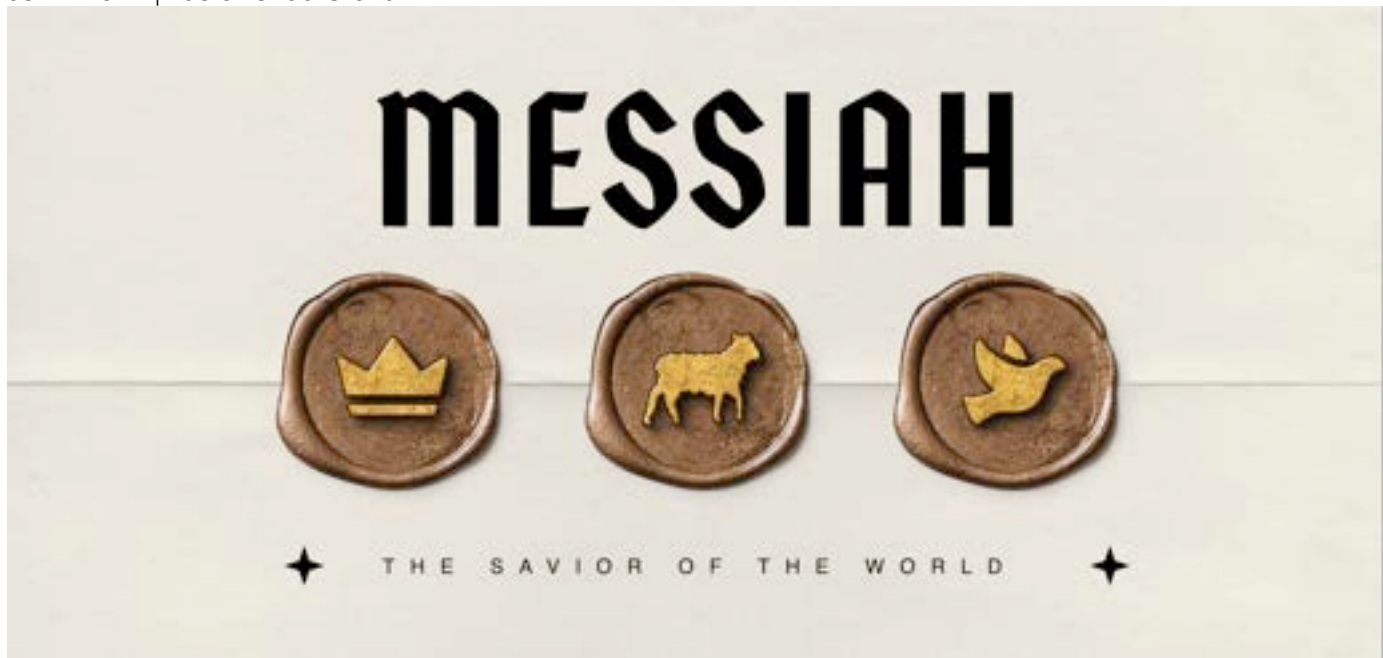




# Praying to Prepare for God's Will

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# SET THE SCENE



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## **TEXTUAL COMMENTARY:**

1. It was common for Jesus to depart from company to go pray and spend time with the Father.
2. The "Mount of Olives" was an area designated for temporary residents during Passover week. This was their "spot."
3. Jesus is training his disciples how to prepare for spiritual attack. Prayer is greater than sleep.
4. The Old Testament prophets spoke of a "cup" of God's judgement (Isa.51:17; Jer. 25:15-29) and Jesus saw his coming suffering in that light.

Luke 22:39-42

39 And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. 40 And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." 41 And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, 42 saying, 'Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.'"

## **ISAIAH 51:17**

**"Wake yourself, wake yourself,  
stand up, O Jerusalem,  
you who have drunk from the hand of the Lord  
the cup of his wrath,  
who have drunk to the dregs  
the bowl, the cup of staggering."**





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## **TEXTUAL COMMENTARY:**

5. This account of the angel does not appear in the earliest manuscripts of Luke.
6. Jesus's response to anguish is "pray harder."
7. The disciples give in to the "weak flesh" (Matt. 26:41) seeking sleep instead of prayer.
8. Jesus has warned them multiple times that their need is prayer. All the disciples will flee Jesus at his time of need.

Luke 22:43-46

43 And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. 44 And being in agony he **prayed more earnestly**; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. 45 And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them **sleeping for sorrow**, 46 and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? **Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.**"

## **TEXTUAL COMMENTARY:**

9. The temptation Jesus warned the disciples of was now here literally.
10. This is peak sarcasm. God himself being sarcastic. Proof.
11. They have been with Jesus for 3 years. They have been in many tough spots before. Does Jesus EVER raise the sword? Does he need to?
12. Before the LORD can answer, one disciple cuts off an ear. It's Peter (John says so). It's always Peter.

Luke 22:47-50

"While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, 48 but Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?" 49 And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, "Lord, shall we **strike with the sword?**" 50 And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and **cut off his right ear.**"



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## MATTHEW 26:52-53

**“52 Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. 53 Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?”**

### **TEXTUAL COMMENTARY:**

13. Jesus expresses disappointment but does not overreact to a serious situation. Jesus restores what the disciple destroyed.

14. Just as his disciples act in haste without proper reflection, so too have the elders and priests. They have made many errors both theological and tactical.

15. Jesus has taught in the light of day and in ways that have brought honor to YHWH. It is the gang of priests who come under cover of night.

Luke 22:51-53

51 But Jesus said, **“No more of this!”** And he touched his ear and healed him. 52 Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, **“Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs?”** 53 When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. **But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.”**



# LIVE THE TEXT

1. We **practice daily prayer** to prepare for the challenges and temptations we experience in life.
2. We follow in the footsteps of Christ and **remain steadfast in our obedience** to the Father's will. (Rescue me vs. Guide me)
3. We fight scheming by **protecting our integrity**. If our aims must be achieved in the dead of dark instead of the light of day, we should pause.

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