

# THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

## *A JOURNEY WITH THE KING*



We are on our way from the Last Supper and first communion service (v. 1-30) across a small valley and brook to the Mount of Olives and Garden of Gethsemane (*30-minute walk*). This is one of Jesus most cherished places just outside the city walls (Jn. 18:1-2). Here Jesus will wrestle in his soul with God the Father about what He is about to experience. Our King is as human as we will ever see Him in our text today. This night of chaos and confusion will display the struggle between flesh and spirit, the most intense prayer you will ever see, offended disciples, deep \_\_\_\_\_ betrayal, and the mighty power of God.

### THE KING SURRENDERS IN THE GARDEN – Matthew 26:31-56

#### 1. He Prepares His Disciples – v. 31-35

- On the way to the garden, Jesus foretells of their offense and scattering this night because of Him, fulfilling the Scriptures. He then instructs to meet Him in Galilee after His resurrection – v. 31-32; Zech. 13:7; Rom. 8:34-39; Heb. 6:19-20.
- Peter and the other disciples vehemently reject the Lord's statement that they will be offended while Jesus doubles down on it as \_\_\_\_\_ – v.33-35; Jn. 17:17, 21:1-5; Mk. 16:7; Acts 1:11.

#### 2. He Prepares Himself – v. 36-45

- Gethsemane (*olive press*) was an olive garden at Jerusalem where Jesus purposed to be personal, and \_\_\_\_\_ with God the Father – v. 36; Jn. 18:1-2; Mk. 1:35; Gen. 3:8-10; Ezek. 28:13.
- Jesus desires His closest friends be near Him praying at this exceeding sorrowful and heavy \_\_\_\_\_ struggle – v. 37-39, Lk. 22:42-44; Jn. 10:17-18, 12:27; Is. 50:5-9, 53:3, 10-13; Heb. 12:2.

*If it be possible, let this \_\_\_\_\_ pass from me (v. 39a, 42, 44; 27:46; 2 Cor. 5:21; Rev. 14:10, 15:7; Jn. 3:36) =*

*Nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt (v. 39b, 42, 44, 6:10; Heb. 5:7-8) =*

- The disciples struggle to stay awake through the night praying – v. 40-45.

*Watch and pray, that \_\_\_\_\_ enter not into temptation (v. 41; Rev. 3:10; 1 Pet. 4:7) =*

*He prayed the third time, saying the \_\_\_\_\_ words (v. 44; Lk. 18:1-8; 1 Pet. 5:7) =*

#### 3. He Parts Ways with His Disciples in Surrender – v. 46-56

- After abruptly departing the Last Supper, Judas leads a group of armed men from the Pharisees to betray Jesus Christ to them with a \_\_\_\_\_ – v. 46-50a; Lk. 22:47-48; Jn. 13:1; Pr. 27:6.

- Jesus displays His mighty power in speech, deed, and \_\_\_\_\_ – v. 50b-54; Lk. 22:38.

*Speech (Jn. 18:3-9, 8:58-59; Ex. 3:14) =*

*Deed (Jn. 18:10-11; Lk. 22:51) =*

\_\_\_\_\_ (*v. 52-54; Gen. 9:6; Rev. 13:10; Jn. 18:36*) =

- Jesus rebukes the religious mob for their unjust process in detaining Him, yet surrenders to them. His disciples forsake Him and \_\_\_\_\_ – v. 55-56; Lk. 22:52-53; Mk. 14:50-52.