

I. In Prayer - Luke 22:41-46

1. The garden of Gethsemane - a walled garden - John 18:1-2 (**verse 41**)
Rea -our version would be a flower garden, not a vegetable garden - like the botanical gardens - a great place to pray
 2. He withdrew to pray - about a stone's throw away
 -knelt down
 3. Father (**verse 42**)
 -Jesus typical title of address for God the Father
 4. If you are willing - take this away
 -a humble asking for God to remove this, but submitting to the Father's will
 -take this cup
 A cup:
 - A. The suffering before Him
 - B. Taking the sins of the world
 - C. To drink a cup is a picturesque way of owning the will of GodRea -you don't just take it but you drink it - swallow it - like swallowing the Lord's Supper. When Jesus handed the disciples the cup at the Lord Supper He said "take" this cup.
 5. Not my will but yours be done - submitted
Rea -is it okay to ask God to remove suffering?... absolutely, but remember, His will be done
 6. He is strengthened by an angel (**verse 43**)
 - A. An angel helped at temptation as well - Mt. 4
 - B. In scripture angels are sometimes called "ministering" angelsRea
 7. In anguish He prays (**verse 44**)
 -anguish is "agony" - prayed the more earnestly
Rea -some have the idea that praying is not hard, but easy... they have not prayed like this
 8. Earnest prayer is "stretched out" prayer
 -blood fell because of His stress
 -"like" drops of blood
 -disciples are "exhausted" from sorrow (**verse 45**)
 9. The disciples are sleeping so He urges watchfulness (**verse 46**)
 -that you fall not into temptation
Rea -so if you are earnest in prayer, you might not fall into temptation as easily
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
1. A false idea is that if we are right with God, we don't struggle - compare these verses
 2. Though the disciples are there, Jesus withdrew from them a space - is it necessary to be alone to pray well?
 3. Is the "will of God" flexible? - can we avoid the suffering involved in Christianity if we just ask?

II. In Betrayal - Luke 22:47-50

1. A crowd arrives with Judas (**verse 47**)

- approaches to kiss Jesus
- he is leading - he knows where this prayer garden is
- a kiss is normally a sign of affection
- Rea -how disloyal can you get?
- Rea 2. Discuss loyalty vs disloyalty
 - are you loyal to your pastor?
- 3. Jesus points out Judas actions with a question (**verse 48**)
- Rea -He knew that Judas was not a “friend”
- 4. Jesus’ followers are willing to defend Him (**verse 49**)
 - A. Jesus had spoken about swords in the upper room (Luke 22:35-38)
 - B. One of them struck the servant of the high priest (**verse 50**)
- Rea -discuss the fact that the disciples were willing to fight if need be
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
 1. The time of betray, and the way of betrayal are especially hurtful - discuss
 - those who have talked about me, then I’ve found out are especially hurtful... and people always find out
 2. Discuss why Judas betrayed Jesus
 3. Have you ever betrayed anyone? - discuss
 - has anyone ever betrayed you?
 4. They are “hidden” in the garden, but not hidden well enough

III. In Action - Luke 22:51-53

1. No more of this (**verse 51**)
 - he heals the severed ear
- Rea 2. Compare the actions of Peter - cutting off the ear
 - with the actions of Jesus - healing the ear
3. Jesus addressed the crowd (**verse 52**)
 - chief priests
 - officers
 - elders
- Rea 4. Temple leadership
5. Why do you come with swords and clubs? - as if Jesus led a rebellion
 - He’d been with them every day and nothing happened (**verse 53**)
 - He did not lead a rebellion, and they did not arrest Him
6. This is your hour - darkness
 - He understands that Satan is behind this atrocity
7. We may think the enemy is winning at times... but not in the long run
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
 1. Discuss how many evil deeds are done in darkness
 - a local bar, or club is usually dark
 - a thief steals in darkness
 2. By way of questions Jesus makes points... go back and look at the questions
 3. Temple leaders are there, but those who bear the biggest guilt are not - who are they?
 4. What would you have done if you’d been there
 5. Peter told Jesus that he would not desert Him - yet Peter denied Jesus three times
 - at the cross Peter found out who he was

-we often deceive ourselves about ourselves

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