



Gospel of John

4-16-23



- 12a Why Wasn't This Sold? – Love Jesus
- 12b If It Dies – Love **LORD**'s Field
- 13 I Will Come Again – Love One Another
- 14 Peace I Leave with You – Love the Father
- 15 Remain In Me – Love One Another

April 9 *Happy Easter*

16 When the Spirit Comes

- 17 I Pray
- 18a I Am He
- 18b I Find No Fault
- 19 It Is Finished
- 20 Reach Out Your Hand
- 21 Do You Love Me?

16:33 “Take heart! I have overcome the world.”

Nighttime in Jerusalem



John the Evangelist & Peter
by Albrecht Dürer (1526)

Love in Action

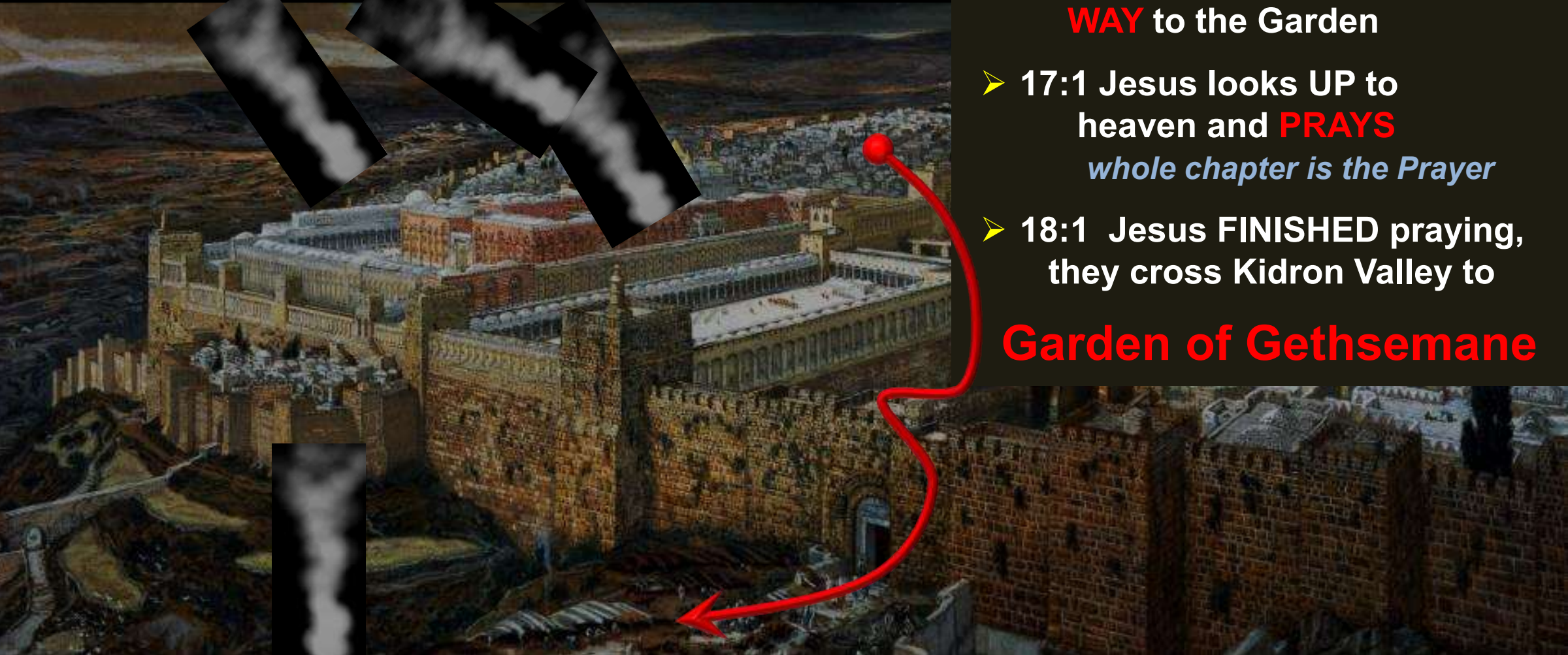
Christ in Gethsemane
Heinrich Hofmann, 1886

Disciples have left the Upper Room
Jews **LOOKING** – Judas Sells Out –
Jesus' Longest Day has begun

Report Jesus!

- John 15, 16, 17 ... on the **WAY** to the Garden
- 17:1 Jesus looks **UP** to heaven and **PRAYS**
whole chapter is the Prayer
- 18:1 Jesus **FINISHED** praying, they cross Kidron Valley to

Garden of Gethsemane



Jesus' Longest Day has begun



- ❖ Jesus will cross Kidron Valley for the LAST TIME on His own
- ❖ Remember that Judas left the Upper Room at NIGHT
- ❖ *NIGHT TIME ...*
- ❖ Maybe 11 pm ...
- ❖ Maybe they stopped outside the City Gate ???
- ❖ Judas is betraying & Religious Leaders are planning
- ❖ John 16 – Jesus gives them His gravest saddest warning
- ❖ John 17 – Jesus Prays

Garden of Gethsemane

Jesus' Longest Day has begun



- ❖ I lived in Dallas for about 10 yrs
- ❖ Several years off Lemon Ave just south of Highland Park
- ❖ Highland Park is most luxurious neighborhood in Dallas
- ❖ I jog along the waterway among the most expensive homes
- ❖ WHAT do you suppose TEMPLE NEIGHBORHOOD is like – RITZY?
- ❖ When they left the Upper Room ... leaving the poorer area
- ❖ Traveling THRU **Highland Park**
- ❖ To the Eastern Golden Gate

Garden of Gethsemane

John 16:1 “All this I have told you so that
you will **NOT** fall away.

2 They will put you out of the synagogue;
something all Jews valued
in fact, the time is coming when
anyone who **KILLS** you will think they
are offering a **SERVICE** to God.

John 16 ... Jesus then prepares them ...

Jesus is **TRYING** to prepare them for how **THIS** day will **END**
THIS time tomorrow, Jesus will be in Tomb ...

In the morning ... Disciples will scatter as Jesus is **BEATEN**



1918 – young Howard Loomis was abandoned by his mother at Father Flanagan’s Home for Boys
It had just opened in 1917 ...

Howard’s polio ruined his legs, wore heavy leg braces
Walking was difficult ... especially up or down steps
Several older boys began carrying Howard up & down
Father Flanagan asked one boy, Reuben Granger
if carrying Howard was **HARD**.

Reuben replied,

“He ain’t heavy, Father... he’s my **BROTHER.**”

That is Jesus in John 16 ...

trying to **CARRY HIS Disciples**



But the story doesn't end there.

In 1943, Elderly Father Flanagan paging thru a copy of *Ideal* magazine ... saw a photo of an older boy carrying a younger boy on his back



Caption read,

“He ain't heavy, mister... he's my **BROTHER.**”

Reminded Flanagan of Howard years before
Father Flanagan requested permission to use the
image and quote ... *Ideal* magazine agreed

Boys Town adopted BOTH to define its new brand.

Jesus ... going to cross the Kidron one more time

Jesus & disciples sit just outside the GATE



John 16:1 “ALL THIS

I have told you so that
you will **NOT** fall away.

2 They will put you **OUT** of the synagogue;
in fact, the **TIME** is coming when
anyone who **KILLS** you will think they
are offering a service to God.

You can see Jesus' HEART ... they cannot grasp ...
The road is *lonnnngg*

With a many a winding turn

Jesus is **CARRYING** them ... they **CANNOT** Grasp

He ain't heavy – He's my brother



Though they **CANNOT** grasp ...

He is *preparing* them for **AFTER** Resurrection

You see ... I know you do ...

John 15, Jesus is The Vine ... and Disciples

Disciples were to LOVE as Jesus LOVED

Now, John 16 ... they cannot grasp YET

But Jesus is *LOVING* them ... *Preparing* them

As a Jesus is in the Father – Father in Jesus

As to Disciples ... as to **CHILDREN *unable* to grasp**

So on we go ... His welfare is of MY concern

No burden is heeee to bear ... We'll get thereeeee

Jesus continues ... as Father to scared little children



John 16

3 They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me.

4 I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them.

VERY, very gently now ... Jesus eases into ...

I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you,

5 but now I am going to HIM who sent me.

None of you asks me, 'Where are you going?'

Jesus HAS told them ... tells them again ... and will yet again



Jesus **FEELS** their pain ... he cannot heal it
John 16:6 Rather, you are filled with GRIEF
because I have said these things.

Facing the pain ahead ... Jesus **CARRIES** them ...

For I know ... He would NOT encumber me

He ain't heavy – He's my *brother*

If I'm laden at all ... I'm laden with *Sadness*

That everyone's heart isn't filled with the *Gladness*

Of LOVE for One Another

Disciples **GREIVE** ... after 3 years ... these words HURT

Jesus CANNOT Die ... Jesus is the SAVIOUR



John 16:7 But very truly I tell you,
it is for your good that

I am going away

Unless I go away, the Advocate will NOT come to you;
but if I go, I will send him to you.

8-11 When he comes, he will prove the world wrong about:

Sin & Righteousness & Judgment:

⁹ **Sin** > cause people do not believe in me;

¹⁰ **Righteousness** > I am going to the Father ...

¹¹ **Judgment** > Prince of this world stands condemned.

SEE the difference between this colorful pictures – The VINE
AND the above *TEDIOUS Theology* – Spiritual Cosmology



**John 16:12 “I have much MORE to say to you,
MORE than you CAN now bear.**

**13 But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes,
He will guide you into all the Truth.**

He will not speak on His own;

He will speak only what He hears,

and He will tell you what is YET TO COME.

14 He will glorify me because he is from me ...

15-19 More on the Spirit ...

Jesus sees their confusion ...



Jesus **FEELS** their pain ... cannot heal it

John 16:20 Very truly I tell you,

you will weep and mourn

while the world rejoices.



You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.

Oh ... Jesus **SEES** the road clearly ...

It's a long, long road ...

From which there is **NO RETURN**

While we're on **THE WAY** to there

Why not share ... *and the load*

Doesn't weigh me down at all

He ain't heavy – He's my *brother*

I've never understood why they call
Jesus' Longest Day the "Passion of Christ"

After HIS Arrest—pure *increasing* **SUFFERING**



Jesus tells of his coming

travail & resurrection

John 16:21 A woman giving birth to a child has pain
because her time has come; but when her baby is born
she forgets the anguish because of
her joy that a child is born into the world.

Jesus relates to them **SUFFERING** ... His *suffering*

His Suffering will end in a **JOY** on Easter Morning

Gently ... Jesus telling them that
HE – Jesus – will be **TRUE NO MATTER**

how tough this DAY gets

22 So with you: NOW is your time of GRIEF,
but I will see you AGAIN and you will rejoice, and
NO ONE will take away your JOY.

passionate song by Tom Jones ... his mastery is ... is ...
Listen ... as though outside the gate of Jerusalem
Looking to Mount of Olives ... **Gethsemane SOON**

I will wait in the morning if you call
And I'll stand beside YOU as long as I CAN
I will hold back the evening of your sun
But I won't crumble with you *IF you FALL*



In the dark of night ... looking across the Kidron
John 16:23 In that day you will no longer
ask me anything. Very truly I tell you,
my Father will give you
whatever you ask in my name.

24 Until now you have NOT asked ...
Ask and you will receive,
and your joy will be complete.

Looking across the Kidron ...

I will shadow the heat of your day
And I'll drink from the sweat of your brow
I will walk to the tune of your song
But I won't crumble with you *if you FALL* _____



Outside the gate of David's city, *Jerusalem*

John 16:25 "I've spoken figuratively,
a time is coming when
I will no longer use this language
but will tell you plainly about my **FATHER.**

26 In that **DAY** you will ask in my name....

27 No, the Father himself loves you
because you have loved me and
believed that I came from God.

28-30 Disciples **CLAIM** that they finally get it ...

I suspect Jesus nodded nicely ... knowing they're **TRYING**

But Cataclysmic Cosmic Carnival of Evil in the MORNING



**John 16:31 Jesus replied,
“Do you NOW believe?”**

**32 “A time is coming and in fact has
come when you will be scattered,
each to your own home.**



You will leave me ALL ALONE.

Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me.

Gently, as dark horses of betrayal plan inside David's City

Come walk with me and hold to my hand

Touch me, let me know I ain't here by myself

Stretch my night dreams into my DAYS

Stop short of falling apart if I go down



Maybe THESE Hours in John 16
Perhaps THESE talks *are*

Jesus' Passion

After this, in John 17, Jesus PRAYS
Now Jesus closes his fireside chat

John 16:33 “I have told you these things,
so that IN ME you may have PEACE.

In this world you will have trouble.

But take HEART! I have overcome the world.”

Jesus carried them ... in His heart ... all the way to the cross
He's too heavy for them ... **but NOT they to HIM**

