



Jesus and the Kingdom of God Matthew 16-28

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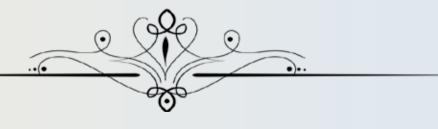
Lesson Author's Theme Jesus willingly submitted to the Father's redemptive plan.

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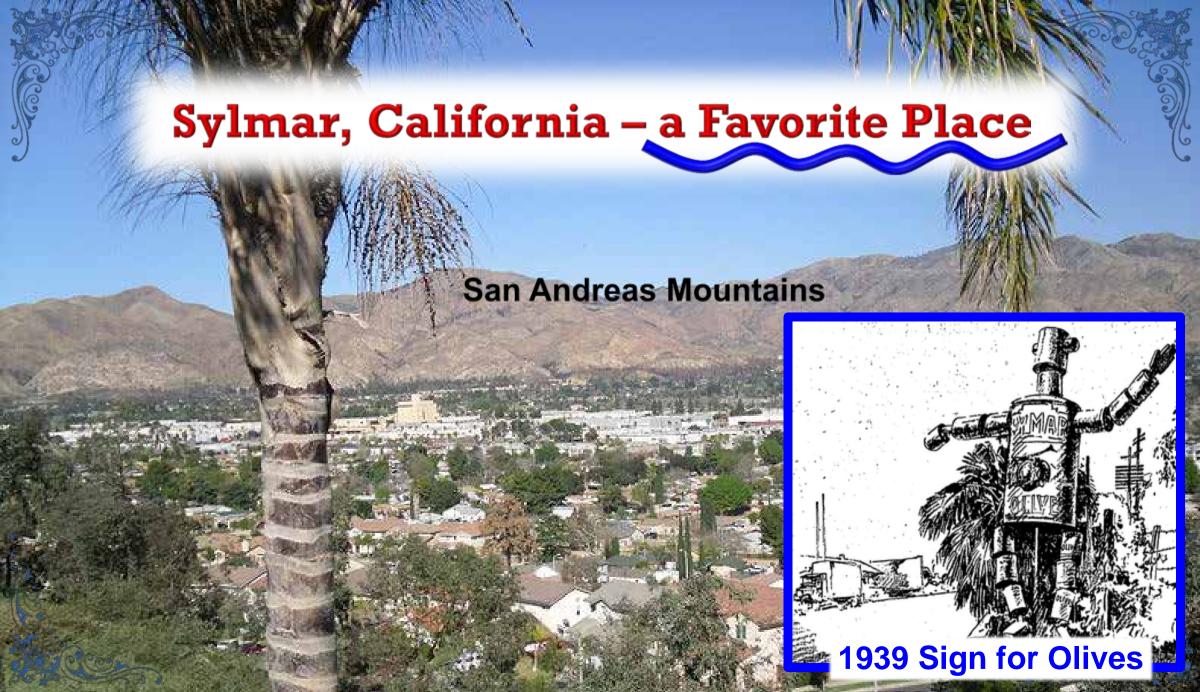
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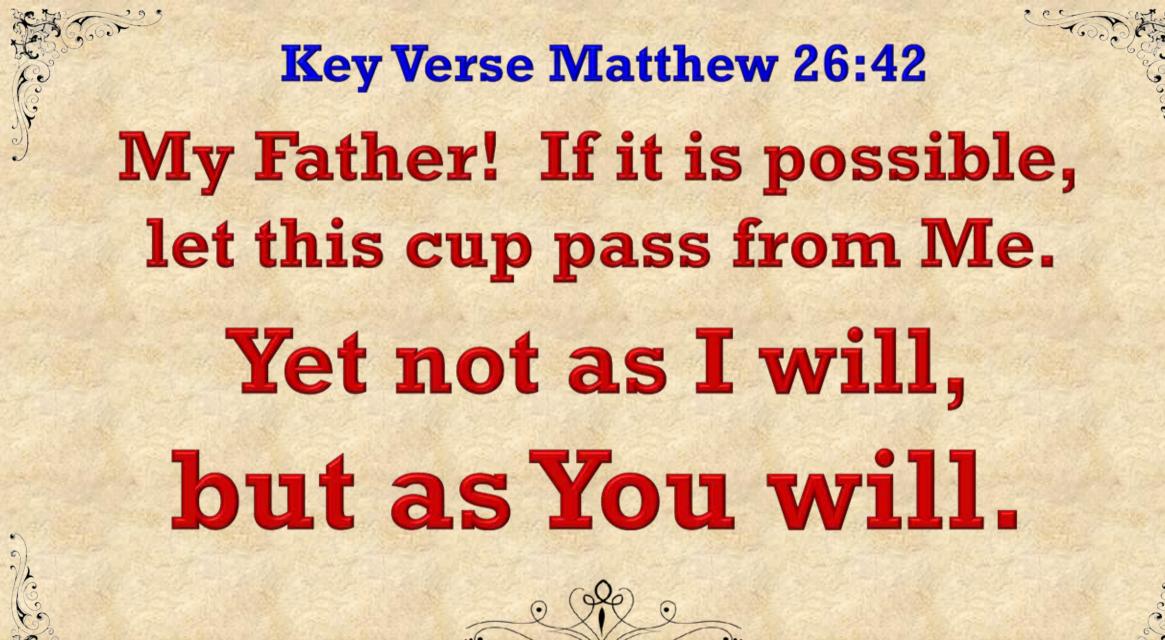
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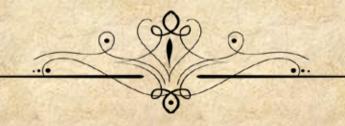




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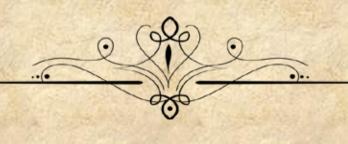
Longest Night





Imagine – a Tough Message

This will take a bit more imagination than most ...





You imagination WILL be YOUR strength this half-hour

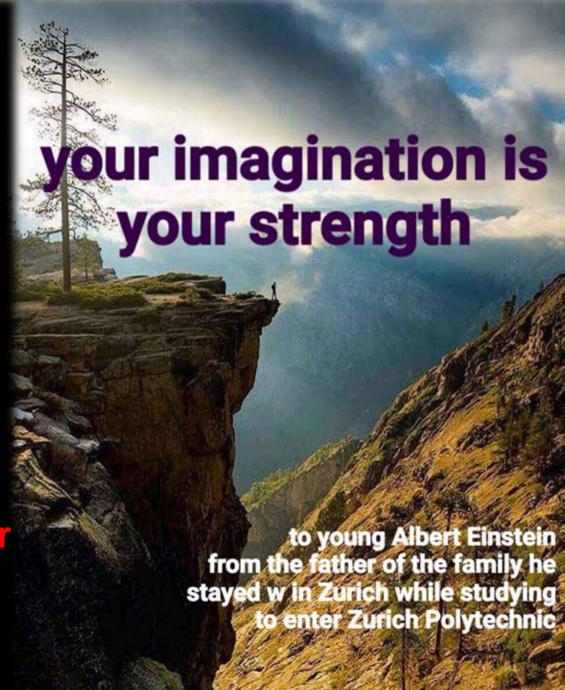
Your HISTORY in grief, too

Your acquaintance w sorrow

Your LIFE experience of LOVE

IMAGINE

Whatever GRIEF we know is largely, if not wholly due to our Great LOVE



26:31-35 Jesus Foretells Death & Peter's Betrayal

26:17-29 Passover & Last Supper of Our Lord

26:17-19 Preparation – Prepare for Passover

26:20-25 Betrayal - One of You Will Betray Me—Judas

26:26-30 Remembrance – Take and Eat Bread, My Body

26:30 they sang a song and left ... to Mt. of Olives

26:31-35 Then Jesus Warns that ALL will Betray

Including the mighty Peter



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26:17-29 Passover & Last Supper of Our Lord

That is, at the Lord's Last Supper ... and then again after

Jesus tells them of betrayal – TWO Betrayals to come SOON

Two times, in the space of a few HOURS ... Two Betrayals!

First, 26:21, Judas will betray the BAD will betray

Then, 26:31, ALL will betray the GOOD will betray

Oh, this is going to be a LONG night ...

In fact, this will be ... Jesus' Most Important Night

This will be ... Jesus' Most Painful Night

This will be ... Jesus' Longest Night



LOOK where we have come

21:1-11	Triumphant Entry – Save Now King of Kings	(
21:12-22	Temple Cleansed & Fruitless Fig Tree	
21:23-45	Parable of Two sons Parable of Wicked Tenants	5

22:1-14 Parable of Wedding Banquet and Angry King

22:15-33 Pay Caesar ... Resurrection Details

22:34-40 Great Commandments

23:1-36 Seven Woes Against Pharisees

24:1-35 Woes on End of Age ... Coming of Son of Man

24:36-43 Easiest Parable of ALL – He Comes like a Thief

25:1-13 Kingdom Parable Ten Virgins & Their Lamps

25:14-30 Kingdom Parable of the Entrusted Talents

25:31-46 Jesus coming again with angels & separation of sheep from goats

Thursday

before

Passover

Then Gethsemane

and Longest Night





Passover
Then
Gethsemane
and
Longest
Night

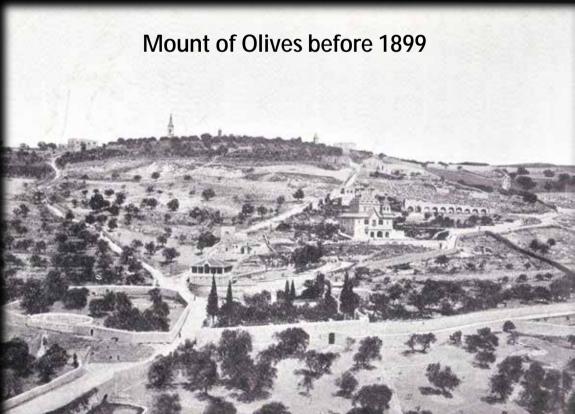


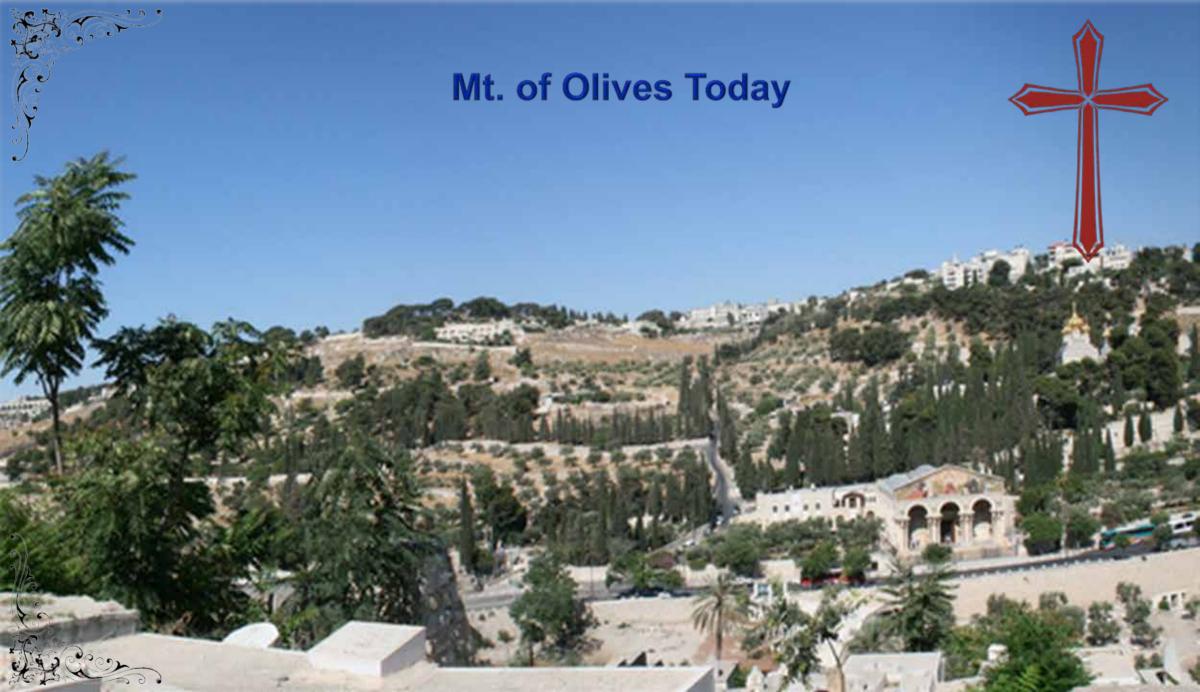
26:30 ... Sang a song ... off to the Mt. of Olives

³¹ Then Jesus said to them, "Tonight ALL of you will RUN away because of Me, for it is written: I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.

Somewhere on that sacred mount
Somewhere on Ancient Mt. of Olives
Maybe they built a small fire
Perhaps they visited it MANY times







On the Mt. of Olives

³¹ Then Jesus said to them, "Tonight *ALL* of you will *RUN* away because of Me, for it is written: I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.

Sad ... at this point, I have lost COUNT of how many times

Jesus had solemnly, sadly warned them of his coming Passion

Jesus warned of Judas betraying ... now THEY TOO will betray

32 But after I have been resurrected, I will go ahead of you to Galilee."

What a NIGHT! ... and it's not over yet!





Passion Week Chart

over Week—April 7-13 A.D. 30

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								Nisan 15	Nisan 16	Nisan 17	Nisan 18
Jewish Days of the Week	FRIDAY	SATURDAY Sabbath	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDA	FRIDAY	SATURDAY Sabbath	SUNDAY	MONDAY ²
Evening (after sundown)		Sabbath celebration (our Fri eve)	Bethany (our Sat eve)	Bethany (our Sun eve)	Bethany (our Mon eve)	Mt. of Olives Olivet Discourse (our Tue eve)	Mt. of Olive Plot agains Jesus (our Wed ev	Jerusalem Passover Supper) (our Thu eve)	in the tomb our Fri eve)	In the tomb (our Sat eve)	Resurrection appearances
Night		Bethany	Bethany	Bethany	Bethany	Mount of Olives	Mount of Olives	Garden of Gethsemane Ecclesiastical Trials	In the tomb	In the tomb	
Daytime (prior to sundown)	Jesus arrives in Bethany	Day					paration for the Passover	Civil Trials Crucifixion Burial	n the tomb	Resurrection Resurrection appearances	
Scripture Pertinent to the Day	Jn. 12:1	Mt. Mk. Jn. 12.	ou a	re h	Jn. 12:20-50	Mt. 24:1-25:45 Mk. 13:1-37 Lk. 21:5-36	Mt. 26:1-1 Mk. 14:1-1 Lk. 22:1-1 Jn. 13:1	Mt. 26:20- 27:61 Mk. 14:17- 15:47 Lk. 22:14- 23:56 Jn. 13:1-19:42	t. 27:62-28:1 Mk. 16:1 Lk. 23:56	Mt. 28:2-15 Mk. 16:2-12 Lk. 24:1-33 Jn. 20:1-18	Mk. 16:13-14 Lk. 24:33-43 Jn. 20:19-25
Christian Holidays			Palm Sunday				Maundy Thursday	Good Friday		Easter	

³ Maundy Thursday—This may even be the oldest of the Holy Week celebrations. The term "Maundy" came through several European languages from the Latin word mandatum meaning "command. It refers to Jesus' new commandment in Jn. 13:34-35. It has often been observed with special celebrations of communion, foot washing ceremonies, and Passover seders. Sometimes it includes the giving of gifts to the poor.



¹ Scholars disagree about the actual year of Christ's crucifixion. The traditional date is A.D. 30. Some argue for an A.D. 33 date, and a few prefer A.D. 32. If A.D. 30 is correct, the Thursday of the crucifixion would be April 7 (the 15th of the Jewish month of Nissan).

² The resurrected Lord made other appearances subsequently: one week later to all the apostles including Thomas (Jn. 20:26-29); some time later to the apostles fishing at the Sea of Galilee (Jn. 21:1-23); later to the apostles on a mountain in Galilee (Mt. 28:16-20; Mk. 16:15-18); to the apostles in Jerusalem and the Mt. of Olives at His ascension (Mk. 16:19-20; Lk. 24:44-53; Ac. 1:3-9; to Peter (Lk. 24:34; 1 Co. 15:5); to more than 500 disciples (1 Co. 15:6); to James (1 Co. 15:7); and finally several years later, to Paul at his conversion (Ac. 9:1-19; 22:3-16; 26:9-18; 1 Co. 9:1).

26:31-35 Jesus Foretells Death & Peter's Betrayal

³³ Peter told Him, "Even if everyone runs away because of You, I will never run away!"

Confident ... Sure ... a Man of Action

I have NO DOUBT he meant it ... believed it

I also think that the OTHERS believed Peter too

There are BOLD, courageous men and women!

³⁴ "Truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."

Peter ... shakes his head ... No, No, NO!

Peter tells Jesus, Messiah, King of Kings—NO! Peter *BELIEVES* he has the *COURAGE*



Peter with Keys, 1616-18 by Peter Paul Rubens

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I wonder what Jesus LOOKED like ...

I wonder HOW Jesus looked to Peter ...

I wonder if Jesus grinned a kindly gentle grin ... when Jesus mentioned the rooster

Peter said "NO!" to Jesus Christ, King of Kings

³⁵ "Even if I have to die with You," Peter told Him, "I will never deny You!" And *ALL* the disciples said the same thing.

I suspect Jesus knew Peter would say that ... and knew His beloved Disciples would concur

Kindly ... gently ... perhaps with a slight nod

Jesus does NOT say a word



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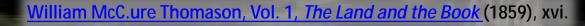
Dr. Thomson his magnificent *The Land and the Book* published in his preface a letter he sent in 1857:

For twenty years and more, as you well know, a visit to Palestine has been the unattained object of my fondest aspirations; and now here am I safely landed on her sacred shore, in perfect health, and

ready to prosecute our pilgrimage with cheerful courage and high hope.... This land of the Bible must become familiar to me as childhood's home.

"I am told that the necessary preparation for our travels can only be made in this city."

City in which Thomson LANDED was Beruit





Dr. Thomson said of Gethsemane in Vol. 2 of *The Land and the Book*:

When I first came to Jerusalem, and for many years afterward, this plot of ground was open to all ... to come and meditate beneath its very old olive-trees.

The Latins [Italians], however, have, within the last few years, succeeded in gaining sole possession; have built a high wall around it, plastered and whitewashed;

... planting it with trees, seem disposed to make it like what they suppose it was when our Lord retired thither with his disciples on that mournful night of his "agony."



Dr. Thomson continued in Vol. 2 of The Land and the Book:

Whatever may be thought of this idea, all travelers regret the exclusiveness which makes access difficult, and renders it impossible for most of them to visit the spot at all.

The Greeks have invented another site a little north of it, and, of course, contend that they have the true Gethsemane.

My own impression is that both are wrong.

The position is too near the city, and so close to what must have always been the great thoroughfare eastward, that our Lord would scarcely have selected it for retirement on that dangerous and dismal night.



Dr. Thomson continued in Vol. 2 of The Land and the Book:

I am inclined, therefore, to place the garden in the secluded vale several hundred yards to the northeast of the present Gethsemane, and hidden, as I hope, forever from the idolatrous intrusion of all sects and denominations.

Easton Bible Dictionary notes today that there is area laid out like a modern European flower garden, with 8 old olive trees, some think date back to the time of Christ ...

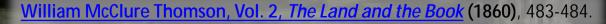
But NO one knows the place ...

Yet, in A.D. 33 ... I suspect the DISCIPLES knew ...

I suspect it was a **FAVORITE** place ... somewhere

A FAVORITE place on the old, Ancient Mt. of Olives







Reason it was their favorite place ... ???

John doesn't mention Jesus' sorrow, but does say in 18:2,

Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, *BECAUSE* Jesus had *OFTEN* met there with his disciples.

Betrayer Judas led the police right to Jesus

There, Judas pointed ... is their camp fire

Do you have a FAVORITE place ...

I think we ALL have ... at some time in our past ...

Perhaps, some of you have a place today ...

Other than your home living room ...

Perhaps, like Jesus' Gethsemane ...

YOUR place is LONG gone, too, impossible to find today

For me, the "Canyon" north of the San Fernando Valley in CA My best friend and I would explore there @ 9-14 years old

There was a "ghost town" in the foothills of the Summer San Andreas Mountains ... we'd hike there in the Summer

In the "Canyon" ... in the summer, a trickle continuously flowed down from the storm drain, and created moss ...

We'd dam up the bottom ... scurry up the side ...

Slide down ... again and again ...

A FAVORITE Place ...

I Hope EVERYONE has had a few

FAVORITE PLACES





FAVORITE places

Gethsemane ... Jesus' & Disciples' ... Favorite Place

Disciples ALONE with Jesus ...

Oh, how many MORE parables and stories did Jesus share?

How they loved Him ... How Jesus loved them!

When they looked up at the starry sky ...

Did one of the disciples ever ask,

"How many stars are there, Lord?"

"The MOON ... Lord, how does it stay there?"

"Rome – why did God allow ROME to rule?"

Gethsemane ... Jesus' & Disciples' FAVORITE Place

³⁶ Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and He told the disciples,

"Sit here while I go over there and pray."

Wonder if Jesus ever said that before ...

Wonder if it was Jesus' HABIT to pray in the evening

Taking along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed.

Oh ... at least Jesus had Peter, James & John
They WERE there ... as best they could be



sorrowful and deeply distressed.

³⁸ Then He said to them, "My soul is swallowed up in sorrow—to the point of death.

Remain here and stay awake with Me."

SORROWFUL – to the Point of Death?

How sorrowful is that? ... got a Meter?

Sorrowful to the point of DEATH?

Oh ... here is another Adult-Only notation

You HAVE to be an adult for YEARS to grasp

You MUST UNDERSTAND LIFE ... and LOVE

Sorrowful ... to the Point of Death





No one here TODAY is without knowledge

Everyone here today KNOWS more about Grief and deep SORROW ... than any teenager

But only those who have LOVED with

With with with

ALL of their Heart ... can truly grasp

Only GREAT LOVE can approach

Only GREAT LOVE can get near or close to the GALLOWS of Deepest Grief

Sorrow that penetrates to the bone's marrow

Sorrowful to the point of DEATH





Try as we may ... we cannot fully grasp
Though some adults ONLY ... and ALL Seniors
Who LOVED for decades ... they can SEE
Who LOVED with ALL their Heart ...
oh, these alone can touch
oh, these alone can grasp

Yet, sorrowful to the point of DEATH?

Jesus' Sorrow penetrates to the bone's marrow Jesus' Sorrow is that of KNOWING ...

Knowing the consequences of the Path





Jesus' Sorrow penetrates to bone's marrow

Jesus' Sorrow is that of KNOWING

Knowing the consequences of the *Path* ahead

Knowing that very EVENING ...

FEELING that very HOUR ... every stone

FEELING with a perfected knowledge

KNOWING that very hour every step

Along the Via Dolorosa ...

feeling its cobbled stone THAT very HOUR

Via Dolorosa ... the Way of Sorrow





Via Dolorosa ... Latin for "Way of Sorrow"

Via Dolorosa ... also "Way of Suffering"

Or ... "Way of Grief" ... Via Dolorosa

Via Dolorosa is the name of an Old Street in Jerusalem believed to be the path upon which

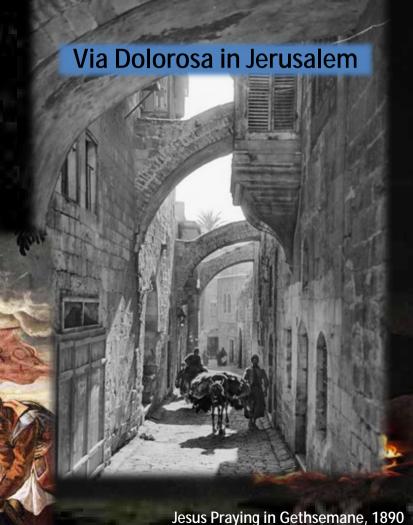
JESUS carried His Cross

Through the Via Dolorosa

Up Golgotha ...

Jesus *FELT ALL* during his night in Gethsemane

Jesus Carrying Cross by Tintoretto (1518-94)



by Heinrich Hofmann (1824-1911)

Sorrowful to the point of **DEATH?**

Hebrews 5:7-8: During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

8 Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered.

Even the author of Hebrews struggles ...

From the GRIEF that we know, and to the DEGREE of grief we HAVE known ...

we can **TOUCH** Jesus' pain





Sorrowful to the point of **DEATH?**

Albert Barnes said Jesus felt thus: "My sorrows are so great that under their burden I am ready to die; such is the anxiety of mind"

Reformer John Calvin said, "death in itself would not have so grievously tormented the mind of the Son of God, if he had not felt that he had to deal with the judgment of God."

Jesus was NOT afraid of *Old Monster DEATH*Jesus was NOT afraid of *Roman Shaming*Jesus did NOT fear his fate in the coming

Cat of Nine Tails



Jesus Praying in Gethsemane, 1890 by Heinrich Hofmann (1824-1911)

Yet as truly ... all our griefs are UNIQUE to us
Common enough, we all hurt, just not the same
But we can FEEL Jesus' pain ... and know
His pain the WORST

Mark 14:36, "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

Luke 22:43-44, An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him.

And being in anguish, Jesus prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.





British Methodist Adam Clarke (1760-1832) said in his Commentary, reflecting on Gethsemane and Jesus' "Drops of Blood"

How exquisite must this anguish have been, when it forced the very blood through the coats of the veins, and enlarged the pores in such a preternatural manner as to cause them to empty it out in large successive drops!

In my opinion, the principal part of the redemption price was paid in this unprecedented and indescribable agony....

Oh, let me share more of Clarke's genius



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To say that all this was occasioned by the fear he had of the ignominious death which he was about to die confutes itself—

for this would not only rob him of his divinity ... but it deprives him of all excellency....

The prospect of death could not cause him to suffer thus, when he knew that in less than three days he was to be restored to life, and be brought into an eternity of blessedness.





Jesus Praying in Gethsemane, 1890 by Heinrich Hofmann (1824-1911)

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His agony and distress can receive no consistent explication but on this ground—

He Suffered, the Just for the Unjust, that he might Bring us to God.

O glorious truth! O infinitely meritorious suffering! And O! above all, the eternal love, that caused him to undergo such sufferings for the sake of Sinners!

Thank you Professor Clarke!

Tis LOVE that causes the Greatest Pain Greatest Love inspired Greatest Endurance





There is an adjacent lesson here ...

When SORROWFUL ... please, it is OKAY to ask your best friends to STAY!

When GRIEVING ... do not be alone too much

When Sorrows like Sea Billows Roll ...

Be with Someone ... HUG Someone

³⁹ Going a little farther, He fell facedown and prayed,

"My Father! If it is possible, let this cup pass from Me.

Yet not as I will, but as You will."





⁴⁰ Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping. He asked Peter, "So, couldn't you stay awake with Me one hour? 41 Stay awake and pray, so that you won't enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." ⁴² Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, Your will be done."

26:40-43 Asleep on the Job - Disciples Sleep ... Twice

⁴³ And He came again and found them sleeping, because they could not keep their eyes open.

GRIEF is taxing ...

GRIEF demands a LOT from ALL of us ...

GRIEF is heavy ... twists the soul crooked

THEY LOVED JESUS

Yet ... so very often ... they could NOT fully relate to ALL Jesus was going through

43 And He came again and found them sleeping, because they could NOT keep their eyes open.



26:44-46 Realizing the Moment - Sleep 3rd Time - Betrayer Near

⁴⁴ After leaving them, He went away again and prayed a third time, saying the same thing once more.

How long ... did Jesus pray each time?

No one is concerned with TIME ...

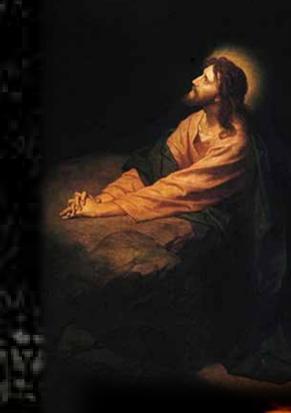
It is becoming a Very Long Night ...

⁴⁵ Then He came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting?

Look, the time is near. The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.

46 Get up; let's go! See—My betrayer is near."

Ah... Jesus is getting stronger again



You KNOW the rest of the story.

Judas ... betrays with a kiss ...

Likely, that was their NORMAL greeting ...

I do suppose if there is anything WORSE ...

IS THERE ANYTHING WORSE?

No ... nothing worse than this betrayal ...

I believe the betrayal is made much worse ...

In that the betrayal came to in their FAVORITE PLACE

But our thoughts and PRAYERS our with Jesus

During his Longest Night



Let me reinforce this ...

Jesus was *ALONE* in so many ways

Try as they may ... NO FAULT of their own

The disciples could NOT fully grasp

Jesus, God in the Flesh, looking not merely at the horrific ordeal in coming to his HOLY FLESH

Jesus facing shaming spit, tearing whips, and the ugly cross ...

Jesus will boldly WILLINGLY take the judgment of the human race ... God's Judgment

Sinless Jesus BEARS the SIN of the WORLD



Jesus' Longest Night in his Favorite Place

Jesus' heart struggles with the reality of his submitting to God's JUDGMENT for us

Is there ANY WAY to pass this?

Is there ANY WAY to NOT drink this cup?

God, the Father, created the world

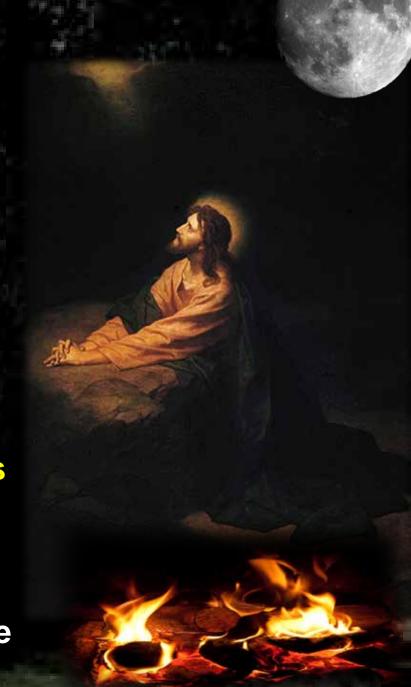
God, the Father, created every night time STAR

God, the Father, created all THROUGH Jesus

Yet, here we are in Gethsemane

This was clearly Jesus' Loneliest Hour

After tonight, Jesus faces ALL with courage



Now ... if that was rough, brutal ... horrific

Jesus went alone to the Cross ...

Yes, there were some at the foot of the cross

But that night in Gethsemane and after ...

ALL BETRAYED ... his closest betrayed

First Judas ... with a kiss ...

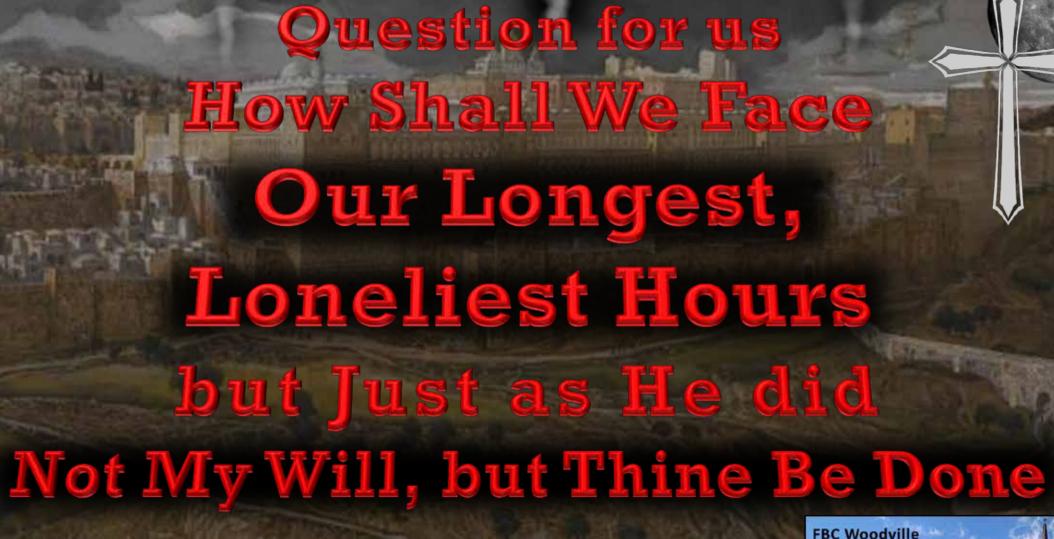
Soon ALL betrayed ... and just went fishing

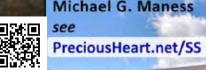
So ... really and truly ... whatever you face

Whatever you are going through ...

Jesus knows ... He has been through worse







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