

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why did Christ ask the three disciples to go with Him in the Garden?
2. Why did Jesus want to pray alone? Why was it necessary for Jesus to spend this time with the Father before His crucifixion?
3. What is the significance of Jesus praying three separate times?
4. Why did Jesus also suffer mental anguish?
5. What is the relationship of the finding by Jesus of the three disciples sleeping, and His response to them?
6. Discuss the value of extended personal prayer.
7. What is the value (if any) of praying more than once for something?

### SUMMARY:

As the time drew near for Christ to give Himself as the sacrifice for sin, [\[SoF:4\]](#) He needed a quiet place in which to commune with God. Here He poured out His heart to the Father and yet yielded Himself completely to the holy will of God. He then was prepared with the necessary strength to unreservedly yield Himself to the trial that lay ahead, for He knew that it was the Father's will.

### NOTES:

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[\[SoF:4\]](#) We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, born of a virgin, and lived a sinless life. He died on the cross for us. His shed blood is the atonement for our sins.

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #7

February 12, 2023

First Quarter

### THE KING'S CONSECRATION [\[SoF:4\]](#)

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**LESSON TEXT:** *Matthew 26:36-46*

**LESSON SETTING:** In the Garden of Gethsemane outside of Jerusalem.

**TIME:** About 33 A.D.

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**I. THE PLACE OF CONSECRATION.** Matthew 26:36-38

- A. Alone (vs. 36) Mark 1:35; Luke 5:16
- B. A Mountain. Mark 6:46; Luke 22:39

**II. THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.** Matthew 26:39-44

- A. Prayer Essential. (vs. 39) Psalm 143:10
- B. Divine Relationship. (vs. 39) Matthew 12:50
- C. Wholehearted. (vs. 39, 42, 44) Ephesians 6:6
- D. Everyday Rule. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

**III. THE STRENGTH OF CONSECRATION.** Matthew 26:45-46

- A. Spiritual Strength. Isaiah 40:31; Ephesians 3:16
- B. Strength in Weakness. (vs. 46) 1 Corinthians 1:27; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10
- C. Accepted of God. Job 42:10

**GOLDEN TEXT: O MY FATHER, IF IT BE POSSIBLE, LET THIS CUP PASS FROM ME; NEVERTHELESS NOT AS I WILL, BUT AS THOU WILT.**  
Matthew 26:39

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Matthew 26:47-56

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Psalm 41:5-13; Mark 14:43-50;  
Luke 22:47-53; John 18:3-11

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Christ - King and Savior

**TOPIC:** THE KING ARRESTED

**INTRODUCTION:**

Judas explained to the soldiers that he would kiss the man that they were to arrest. It was night and the soldiers would not know which of the men was Jesus. What mockery to have Judas kiss Him! He also called Him "Master" which must have pierced the tender heart of Jesus because He knew Judas did not accept Him as his Master.

Jesus asked him "Friend, wherefore art thou come?" (verse 50) Jesus had walked this life with Judas and treated him as a friend, one whom He loved. In Psalm 41:9 He calls Judas His own familiar friend with whom He had eaten bread. Now Judas came to betray Him. Jesus still loved Judas and His heart must have yearned for Judas because He knew what Judas' fate would be.

How sad to think that one could spend so much time with the Master and yet not be touched by His teachings. He had the same opportunities as the other disciples to hear the Lord's teaching and see the miracles performed. Yet the impact on his life was so different from that of the other disciples.

What was the reason for the downfall of Judas? Could it be that Judas did not believe that Christ was who He said He was? Could it be that he realized that Christ's kingdom was not going to come about in the way he had hoped and he chose not to have a part in that kind of kingdom? We are told of his great love of money in John 12:4-6. Perhaps it was that he saw his chances of being Royal Treasurer in Christ's Kingdom vanishing as Jesus spoke of His suffering.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** Since Jesus consecrated Himself for our sake, we should consecrate ourselves for His sake.

***GOLDEN TEXT: WOE TO THAT MAN BY WHOM THE SON OF MAN IS BETRAYED.***

Mark 14:21

Whatever his reasons were, Judas chose the riches of this world rather than service to Christ. He saw his act of betrayal as a victory, but his triumph was short lived. In chapter 27 verse 3-4 we are told that, when Judas saw that Jesus was being condemned, he repented, realizing that Jesus was innocent. The realization was more than Judas could bear and he returned the money to the Priests and hanged himself.

Even today men must make a choice to accept Christ and live for Him, or to follow the world. It is hard to imagine why men would choose the latter when God's great gift of salvation is extended to all.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF February 13 – 19**

Mon. Prophecy of Betrayal. Psalm 41:5-13  
Tue. Betrayed by His Friends. Zechariah 11:10-13  
Wed. \*The King Arrested. Matthew 26:47-56  
Thu. Mark's Account. Mark 14:43-50  
Fri. Luke's Account. Luke 22:47-53  
Sat. John's Account. John 18:3-11  
Sun. Judas' Fate. Acts 1:15-20

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