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NEVERTHELESS OBEDIENT WARRIORS!!!

VESSELS OF HONOUR CHURCH, INC.

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APOSTLE BILLY AND DR BRENDA BOWERS, FOUNDERS

# PREPARE FOR THE 2022 JOURNEY AS A **NOW!**(NOUN)

## ***“NEVERTHELESS OBEDIENT WARRIORS”***

- CONTINUE FAITHFULNESS TO CONSECRATIONS, PRAYERS, BIBLE STUDY, WORSHIP SERVICES, GIVING, AND ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES
- RE-ENGAGE YOUTH FROM AGE ZERO UP...INCORPORATING THEM IN ALL ASPECTS OF MINISTRY
- EVERY THURSDAY AND FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP 6PM – 7PM FOR THE NEXT 21 – WEEKS ***(JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> – JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>)***
- DEVELOP THE “FITLY – JOINED TOGETHER BODY” OF **NOWS!**
- FOCUS ON HUMILITY, MINISTRY (VERSUS PURPOSE), UNITY, SINGLENESS OF MIND, CLEAR JUDGMENT ADMIST CLOUDY TIMES, ENGAGING AS PREPARED “NOW” SOLDIERS, CONTINUING THE WALK/WALLS/WEAPONS/WINNING
- INCORPORATE ***“WHEN IS YOUR FAITH? (NOW)”*** TEACHING WHILE CONSIDERING THE **IMPACT OF BEING A YESTERDAY OR A TOMORROW WARRIOR VERSUS BEING A “NOW” WHO’S NEEDED TODAY – HERE AND NOW!**
- INITIAL FOCUS: **GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE ACCOUNT IN ALL FOUR GOSPELS, WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE, THE WRESTLE, AND EVERY ASPECT OF THE ARMOR OF GOD WITH AN EMPHASIS ON DONNING AND FIGHTING AS THE LORD’S “NOW” ARMY**

# STARTING THE JOURNEY IN JANUARY

## THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2022 21-WEEKS OF PERFECTING HOLINESS IN THE FEAR OF GOD

- CONTINUE ALL PROTOCOLS AND PRACTICES THAT ARE ALREADY IN PLACE
- **WEEK 1:** WHAT HAPPENED IN THE GARDEN AND WHAT MAY NOT HAVE WORKED IF IT WERE THE DAY BEFORE OR THE DAY AFTER?
  - 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2022
- **WEEK 2:** WHAT HAPPENED IN THE GARDEN AND WHAT MAY NOT HAVE WORKED IF IT WERE THE DAY BEFORE OR THE DAY AFTER?
  - 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2022
- **WEEK 3:** WHAT HAPPENED IN THE GARDEN AND WHAT MAY NOT HAVE WORKED IF IT WERE THE DAY BEFORE OR THE DAY AFTER?
  - 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2022
- **WEEK 4:** WHAT HAPPENED IN THE GARDEN AND WHAT MAY NOT HAVE WORKED IF IT WERE THE DAY BEFORE OR THE DAY AFTER?
  - 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2022
- **WEEK 5:** WHAT AND WHEN IS “AWHILE?”
  - 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2022
- **WEEK 6:** WHAT AND WHEN IS “AWHILE?”
  - 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2022
- **WEEK 7:** WHAT AND WHEN IS “AWHILE?”
  - 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 (ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>)

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- **WEEK 8:** WHAT WE WRESTLE NOT AGAINST AND THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE – THEN VS NOW VS FUTURE  
6PM – 7PM THURSDAY MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2022
- **WEEK 9:** WHAT WE WRESTLE NOT AGAINST AND THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE – THEN VS NOW VS FUTURE  
6PM – 7PM THURSDAY MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2022
- **WEEK 10:** WHAT WE WRESTLE NOT AGAINST AND THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE – THEN VS NOW VS FUTURE
  - 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2022
- **WEEK 11:** WHAT WE WRESTLE NOT AGAINST AND THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE – THEN VS NOW VS FUTURE
  - 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2022
- **WEEK 12:** FULL ARMOUR OF GOD – WHAT AND WHY NOW?
  - 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2022
- **WEEK 13:** FULL ARMOUR OF GOD – WHAT AND WHY NOW?
  - 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 (**GOOD FRIDAY – EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>**)
- **WEEK 14:** SUITED AND BOOTED FOR THE “NOW” WAR – WHAT IS THE WAR OF TODAY VS IN THE PAST VS THE FUTURE?
  - 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2022

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- **WEEK 15:** SUITED AND BOOTED FOR THE “NOW” WAR – WHAT IS THE WAR OF TODAY VS IN THE PAST VS THE FUTURE? 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2022
- **WEEK 16:** SUITED AND BOOTED FOR THE “NOW” WAR – WHAT IS THE WAR OF TODAY VS IN THE PAST VS THE FUTURE? 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2022
- **WEEK 17:** SUITED AND BOOTED FOR THE “NOW” WAR – WHAT IS THE WAR OF TODAY VS IN THE PAST VS THE FUTURE?
  - 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2022
- **WEEK 18:** FULLY TRANSFORMED VERSUS CARNALLY CONFORMED
  - 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2022
- **WEEK 19:** FULLY TRANSFORMED VERSUS CARNALLY CONFORMED 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2022
- **WEEK 20:** FULLY TRANSFORMED VERSUS CARNALLY CONFORMED 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2022
- **WEEK 21:** FULLY TRANSFORMED VERSUS CARNALLY CONFORMED 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

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## GUARDING THE GARDEN



# ALIGNING WITH OUR MISSION, VISION, VALUES

- MISSION STATEMENT (*WHY WE EXIST*)
- Vessels Of Honour is a ministry authorized by god and anointed by the holy spirit to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to all the world and teach his followers to live a godly lifestyle that exemplifies holiness.
- VISION STATEMENT (*WHAT WE WANT TO BE KNOWN FOR*)
- Vessels of Honour is committed to promoting salvation, healing, restoration, and repairing breaches to all those who are lost, ill, broken, and/or wounded in search of wholeness from God through His anointed vessels with the purpose of increasing the Kingdom of God until the return of Jesus Christ.
- VALUES (*BEHAVIORS WE EXEMPLIFY*)
- V – Victorious
- E – Effectual
- S – Saved
- S – Sanctified
- E – Examples
- L – Laborers
- S – Spirit Led
  
- O – Obedient
- F – Faithful
  
- H – Holy
- O – Orderly
- N – Nurturers/noble
- O – Obeisance/outreaching
- U – Unified
- R – Righteous

# THE HOUR THAT CHANGES THE WORLD!



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- **What Is the Garden of Gethsemane?**
- **The Garden of Gethsemane was a place of great importance to Jesus, referred to in all four Gospels as a place where Christ retreated into deep prayer and a time of agony before His arrest and crucifixion, and near where He ascended to [heaven](#) in the Book of Acts.**
- **According to Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, Gethsemane is translated from the Greek to mean “an oil press.” It is a place thought to be situated at the base of the Mount of Olives beyond the Kidron Valley. Because of its reference to an oil press on a mountain ridge covered in olive trees, it is assumed to be a small garden, plot of ground or enclosure tucked away and relatively private. It also likely contained an oil press, a mechanical device of sorts used to crush olives and then extract their oil for cooking and other uses.**
- **Gethsemane is mentioned specifically by name only twice in the Bible, though references to it are peppered throughout the New Testament as a place Jesus traveled to and through frequently.**
- **In the Gospel of Matthew, it notes Jesus took His three closest disciples — Peter, James, and John — with Him “to a place called Gethsemane” ([Matthew 26:36](#)) so He could pray. There He wrestled in great sorrow with the torture and humiliation He knew was before Him.**

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- **Where Is the Garden of Gethsemane?**
- While the exact location is difficult to pinpoint, the Bible indicates the Garden of Gethsemane is on the Mount of Olives, a historic place of great meaning throughout the Bible. The Mount of Olives was a “Sabbath day’s walk from the city,” we are told in [Acts 1:12](#). Easton’s 1897 Bible Dictionary tells us the Mount of Olives was named as such because it was clothed in olive trees. Sitting about 200 feet above sea level, it was one of a few mountain ridges east of Jerusalem and afforded a good view of the city. The valley of Kidron lies between the mountain and Jerusalem, and the whole region was a place Jesus often visited in his travels throughout the Gospels.
- The Mount of Olives is a place of significance; King Solomon erected a “high place” there for the worship of foreign gods, causing the Lord to become very angry with him ([1 Kings 7-11](#)). King David and his followers fled Jerusalem through the Kidron Valley and up the Mount of Olives, weeping and barefoot, after his son Absalom rebelled with an uprising ([2 Samuel 15:13-30](#)). The Old Testament prophet Zechariah prophesied that “a day of the Lord” would be coming when the Lord would stand upon the Mount of Olives, ready for battle, and be king over the whole earth ([Zechariah 14:1-9](#)).



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## • Why Is the Garden of Gethsemane Important?

- Not only was the garden an important locale, special to Jesus as a place where He sought much-needed comfort and solace with His Father in a time of pain and sadness, and the place where He was betrayed and arrested, but it also serves as a setting for important instruction on key concepts critical for today's Christians.
- First, we are shown Jesus as the true "Word (that) became flesh" ([John 1:14](#)), the incarnate Son of the Lord God, born of a virgin and called Immanuel — God with us ([Isaiah 7:14](#)). This means that Jesus, though very much divine, also shared fully and completely in the human condition. There in the Garden of Gethsemane, He felt sorrow and great distress over the hardship He would need to endure. He sought out the quiet and privacy of this special place so He could go before God and beg for a reprieve — though not a reprieve from the will of God, which Jesus was committed to.
- Then, when His closest friends, whom He'd implored to stay awake and keep watch, couldn't do even that for Him, Jesus reacted with what could be interpreted as impatience, disgust, or scolding. He, just like us, likely felt the sting of alienation, isolation, and betrayal. "Couldn't you men keep watch with Me for one hour?" He asked Peter" ([Matthew 26:40b](#)). Second, Jesus's references to the coming sacrifice and pain by referring to them as "this cup" ([Matthew 26:39](#), 42, [Mark 14:36](#), [Luke 22:42](#)) are thought to be a reference to the cup of "the blood of the covenant" ([Matthew 36:27-29](#)). This blood is Jesus's blood ([Mark 14:23-24](#)), which He said at the Last Supper was poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. There with His disciples at their last major gathering before His arrest and crucifixion, Jesus did not merely share a holy meal with His closest friends. Rather, He told them what was going to happen: He was going to be a living sacrifice, offered as a debt payment for the sins of all humankind. He revealed He would be betrayed by one of them, indeed that all of the disciples would scatter, and even Peter would deny Him three times before the rooster crowed the next morning ([Matthew 26:34](#)).

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- **Why Is the Garden of Gethsemane Important?**
- Third, Jesus's nonviolent reaction when the armed and angry crowd came to arrest Him underscores His message of peace and love, which He spent a great deal of time teaching His followers during His time on earth. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus offered wisdom such as turning the other cheek ([Matthew 5:38-39](#)), loving our enemies and praying for those who persecute us (5:44), giving to the needy (6:1-4), serving God and not money or other temporary things of the earth (6:19-24), etc. He exemplified that message in the final moments in the garden as He was confronted with His arrest, both sides brandishing swords.
- “‘Put your sword back in its place,’ Jesus said to him, ‘for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?’” ([Matthew 26:52-54](#)). The will of the Father would be done no matter what, Jesus was saying, and there was no point in resisting or causing further bloodshed. And finally, Jesus's urging of the disciples to stay awake and keep watch in the garden helps us remember what He wants us to do: to be on guard, to not succumb to temptation, to face even difficulties we would rather avoid by turning to the Father and not to ourselves.
- Even though they failed to do what He asked, His requests of them — and His modeling of the right way to behave in times of distress and anguish — illuminates what we are to do today as Christians. Today, the Garden of Gethsemane is a holy place, a pilgrimage site where people flock today to wander among still-growing olive trees and try to pinpoint the exact place where Jesus sank to His knees or offered Himself willingly over for arrest and sacrifice. Whether they travel to the accurate location or not, or simply read about it, for many Christians meditating upon the Garden of Gethsemane and its importance to Jesus is a significant step in understanding the actions, the message, and the will of Christ.

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- The Bible recounts much the same in [Mark 14:32](#), where that Gospel account also notes Jesus took Peter, James, and John with Him “to a place called Gethsemane,” where He prayed in deep distress, overwhelmed about what was to come.
- It is a vulnerable moment just after the Last Supper when Jesus has told His closest friends on earth what would soon happen to Him — the painful betrayal He would endure from one of them, and His coming arrest, torture, and crucifixion.
- Filled with anguish and deep dread over what He would soon experience, Jesus withdraws with His inner circle, the three disciples closest to Him, and takes refuge in a special place. There, alone on His knees in the dark night beneath the shelter of olive trees, in a place called the Garden of Gethsemane, He cries out to His Father God.
- And then, resolutely, He does what He needs to do to save all humankind.
- [What Happened in the Garden of Gethsemane at the Mount of Olives?](#)
- The Gospels note that Jesus told His disciples to “sit here while I pray” ([Mark 14:32](#)). He acknowledged His sadness, asking them to keep watch, as “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death” (14:34). He walked a bit farther from them, sank to His knees, and cried out to His Father, God. “‘Abba, Father,’ He said, ‘everything is possible for You. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what You will’” (14:36). This was no casual prayer — Jesus was distraught. Matthew’s Gospel tells us “He fell with His face to the ground” ([Matthew 26:39](#)) as He prayed with all His might.

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- He prayed throughout the night, periodically returning to His disciples to find them sleeping. The Gospels recount Jesus chastising them for their weakness and inability to keep watch during this time of deep need, a time when He prayed so earnestly the Gospel of Luke said “His sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground” (22:44). When He returned to wake His friends the third time, however, Jesus appeared resolute, ready to face the path His Father had laid before Him. “Are you still sleeping and resting?” Jesus asked. “Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. Rise! Let us go! Here comes My betrayer!” ([Mark 14:41-42](#)).
- Just then, Judas, one of Jesus’s twelve disciples, arrived with a large crowd armed with swords and clubs. With a kiss, Judas betrayed Jesus, and the Son of God was seized and arrested ([Mark 14:43-46](#)). One of Jesus’s disciples — John says it is Peter — attempts to defend Jesus, drawing his sword and slicing off the ear of Malchus, the servant of the high priest ([John 18:10](#)). But after His all-night agony of sorrow and prayer, Jesus knew what needed to happen. He would have no violence or resistance. “Jesus answered, ‘No more of this!’ And He touched the man’s ear and healed him” ([Luke 22:51](#)). Then, He went with the crowd willingly. At that, as Jesus had predicted, “All the disciples deserted Him and fled” ([Matthew 26:56](#)).



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- Later, after His death and resurrection, the Book of Acts, also known as Acts of the Apostles, places Jesus again upon the Mount of Olives ([Acts 1:12](#)). The disciples asked Jesus whether He would now be restoring the kingdom to Israel. Jesus responded, “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by His own authority. But you will receive power when the [Holy Spirit](#) comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ After He said this, He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight” ([Acts 1:6-9](#)).
- As the disciples stood, staring into the sky where they had last seen their Lord ascend, two angels appeared beside them, reproving them for standing and staring into the sky, and letting them know Jesus would come back in the very same way they’d seen Him depart. Then the disciples headed back from the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem, ready to do the work Jesus had planned for them (1:10-12).

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## GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

- The Garden of Gethsemane is where Jesus prayed on the night of His betrayal and arrest (Mark 14:32-50). According to the record in Luke, Jesus' despair in Gethsemane was so deep that He sweat drops of blood (Luke 44-22:43).
- "Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to His disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and distressed." (Matthew 37-26:36)
- Sitting at the foot of the [Mount of Olives](#), within the grounds of the Church of all Nations, the tranquil garden has magnificent ancient olive trees that are dated back to approximately 2,000 years ago, still producing [olives](#) today.
- There is debate about the exact age of the olive trees and to whether this was the properly named spot where Jesus prayed. Without a doubt, the amazing trees are offshoots from the same ones that Jesus prayed next to.
- Across the lane is a less-frequented grove, where arrangements can be made to spend a more private time of worship and contemplation.

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## THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE FROM ALL FOUR GOSPELS (*Matthew – Mark – Luke*) KJV

### *Matthew 26:36 – 46*

*36Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. 37And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. 38Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. 39And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. 40And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? 41Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. 42He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. 43And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. 44And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. 45Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.*

### *Mark 14:32 - 42*

*32And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray. 33And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy; 34And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch. 35And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. 36And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt. 37And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour? 38Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak. 39And again he went away, and prayed, and spake the same words. 40And when he returned, he found them asleep again, (for their eyes were heavy,) neither wist they what to answer him. 41And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 42Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand.*

### *Luke 22:39 – 46*

*39And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him. 40And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation. 41And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, 42Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. 43And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. 44And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. 45And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow,*

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- THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE FROM ALL FOUR GOSPELS

- Matthew 26:36-42 NIV (combined with **Mark** and **Luke** and **John**)

- Then Jesus went **out across the Kidron valley as usual to the Mount of Olives** with his disciples **following Him** to a place called Gethsemane **where there was a garden**, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray,” **and “Pray that you will not fall into temptation.”** He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee **James and John** along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.” Going a little farther, he **withdrew about a stone’s throw beyond them** fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father **Abba Father, everything is possible for you.** If it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.” **An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.** Then he **rose from prayer and** returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “**Simon,** Couldn’t you men keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter. “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” He went away a second time and prayed **the same thing**, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.” When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. **They did not know what to say to him.** So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? **Enough!** Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!” **Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples.**

# GUARDING THE GARDEN (Looking Across The Gospels)

**Matthew 26:36** Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

37 And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.

38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?

41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

43 And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy.

44 And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

45 Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

46 Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.

**Mark 14:32** And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray.

33 And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy;

34 And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch.

35 And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.

36 And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.

37 And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour?

38 Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.

39 And again he went away, and prayed, and spake the same words.

40 And when he returned, he found them asleep again, (for their eyes were heavy,) neither wist they what to answer him.

41 And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

42 Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand.

**Luke 22:39** And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him.

40 And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation.

41 And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,

42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but

thine, be done.

43 And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

44 And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

45 And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow,

46 And said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.

**John 18:1** When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples.

# GUARDING THE GARDEN (Looking Across The Gospels)

**Matthew 26:47** And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people.

48 Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast.

49 And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him.

50 And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.

**Mark 14:43** And immediately, while he yet spake, cometh Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.

44 And he that betrayed him had given them a token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; take him, and lead him away safely.

45 And as soon as he was come, he goeth straightway to him, and saith, Master, master; and kissed him.

46 And they laid their hands on him, and took him.

**Luke 22:47** And while he yet spake, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him.

48 But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?

**John 18:2** And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus oftentimes resorted thither with his disciples.

3 Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons.

4 Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye?

5 They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them.

6 As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground.

7 Then asked he them again, Whom seek ye? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth.

8 Jesus answered, I have told you that I am he: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way:

9 That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none.

# GUARDING THE GARDEN (Looking Across The Gospels)

**Matthew 26:51** And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear.

52 Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.

53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?

54 But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?

55 In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes, Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me.

56 But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.

**Mark 14:47** And one of them that stood by drew a sword, and smote a servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

48 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Are ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and with staves to take me?

49 I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but the scriptures must be fulfilled.

50 And they all forsook him, and fled.

51 And there followed him a certain young man, having a linen cloth cast about his naked body; and the young men laid hold on him:

52 And he left the linen cloth, and fled from them naked.

**Luke 22:49** When they which were about him saw what would follow, they said unto him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword?

50 And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear.

51 And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him.

52 Then Jesus said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and the elders, which were come to him, Be ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and staves?

53 When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.

**John 18:10** Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.

11 Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?

12 Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him,



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(uniqueness's of Gospel of John the Revelator (17:1-12) PRIOR TO 18:1-12)

## John 17 KJV

**17** These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

<sup>2</sup> As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

<sup>3</sup> And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

<sup>4</sup> I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

<sup>5</sup> And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

<sup>6</sup> I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

<sup>7</sup> Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.

<sup>8</sup> For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

<sup>9</sup> I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

<sup>10</sup> And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.

<sup>11</sup> And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

<sup>12</sup> While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

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(uniqueness's of Gospel of John the Revelator (17:13-26) PRIOR TO 18:1-12)

- 13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.**
- 14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.**
- 15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.**
- 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.**
- 17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.**
- 18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.**
- 19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.**
- 20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;**
- 21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.**
- 22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:**
- 23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.**
- 24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.**
- 25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.**
- 26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.**