

Betrayed and Arrested: Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane 3-2-08
Matthew 26:36-56

- I. The Garden of Gethsemane.**
 - A. This garden was located at the foot of the Mount of Olives, a ridge of hills east of Jerusalem.**
 - B. Gethsemane was an enclosed garden or olive orchard.**
 - C. Somewhere in this garden there was a press that was used to crush the oil out of olives.**
 - D. Jesus often went to this garden to pray (see Luke 22:39).**
- II. Christ's Instructions to His Disciples (Matt. 26:36-38).**
 - A. Christ told his disciples to stay at the entrance to the garden while he went into the garden to pray.**
 - B. Jesus took Peter, James, and John along with him.**
 - C. Jesus was "sorrowful and troubled."**
 - D. He instructed the "inner circle" of disciples to keep watch.**
- III. The Prayer of Jesus (Matt. 26:39-44).**
 - A. In his hour of need Jesus talked with his heavenly Father.**
 - B. Knowing what he would go through, Jesus wanted to make sure that the agony of the cross was absolutely necessary.**
 - C. If this was the Father's will Jesus was ready to do it.**
 - D. The Bible does not mention Satan in the garden, tempting Jesus as he is praying, but I believe Satan was there.**
 - E. How did Jesus resist temptation?**
 - 1. He met with the Father (prayer).**
 - 2. He meditated on the Word (see Matt. 4:1-11).**
 - 3. He made the right choice (to trust and obey God).**
- IV. The Arrest of Jesus (Matt. 26:45-56).**
 - A. Led by Judas, a large crowd, which included officers of the temple guard (Luke 22:52) and a detachment of Roman soldiers (John 18:3), entered the garden to arrest Jesus.**
 - B. Judas betrayed Jesus with a kiss.**
 - C. The men who were with Judas seized Jesus.**
 - D. Peter reacted and cut off the ear of Malchus (John 18:10).**
 - E. Jesus reacted and healed Malchus (Luke 22:51).**
 - F. Jesus could have put an end to this scene, but he knew that the time had come to endure the agony of the cross.**
 - G. Christ's disciples deserted him and fled.**