

## Jesus' Last Conversation Part III: In the Garden

### I. Introduction

**In the previous four teachings, Jesus taught specific concepts:**

1. **Lord's Supper**-Jesus asked that we remember Him with the Lord's Supper.
2. **What Jesus Said About Violence and Fighting**- We are living in perilous times, surrounded by our enemies who want to enslave or kill us. Society teaches us to battle violence with violence to overcome the enemy. Jesus taught that in the Kingdom of God, we should be peacemakers. Now is the time to settle in your hearts and minds which you will choose.
3. **Jesus: The Last Conversation**-In the last night that Jesus spent with His Disciples, He shared like a dying man would share with His loved ones. He specifically wanted His Disciples to love one another as He loved them. Jesus said He will manifest Himself to those who keep His commandments.
4. **Jesus Last Conversation Part II**- Jesus spent His last night with His Disciples teaching:
  - \*Jesus did not want His Disciples to fall away because of persecution.
  - \*Jesus said that He was going to the Father.
  - \*Jesus said He will send the Comforter.
  - \*Jesus said that every one of them would scatter and leave Him alone.
  - \*Jesus wanted us to have peace and good cheer for He overcame the world!
  - \*Jesus prayed that Believers would be one as the Father and Son are One.
  - \*Jesus prayed that Believers would be with Him to behold His glory given by God.
  - \*Believers are to love each other as the Father loved Jesus.

*During the first four sessions, we closely examined what Jesus said and did in His last night with His Disciples. He was preparing them for the hour of temptation that would take place in the Garden, and at the Cross. In this session, we will discuss what happened in the garden before and during His arrest.*

### II. Jesus' Conversation in the Garden:

#### A. Jesus predicted that they would be offended because of Him that night.

**Mt 26:30-32** And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives. 31Then said Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. 32But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee.

**1. Jesus said they would ALL be offended this night.**

**Offended:** Strong's 4624-entrap, trip up, stumble or entice to sin, apostasy

**2. Jesus said He would die and the sheep would be scattered.**

**Smite:** Strong's 3960-gently, with a weapon, fatally

**3. Jesus told them He would rise again and go to Galilee.**

*Jesus told them that they would all be enticed to sin and fall away, but He would rise again and go to Galilee.*

**B. Peter said He would not deny Jesus, but would die with Him.**

**Mt 26:33, 35** Peter answered and said unto him, Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended....35...Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.

*Peter and the disciples said that they would not deny Jesus, they would die with Him.*

**C. Jesus told Peter He would deny Him.**

**Mt 26:34** Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, that this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.

**Lk 22:31-34** And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: 32But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. 33And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death. 34And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.

*Jesus knew Satan wanted to destroy Peter by getting him to deny Christ, but Jesus prayed that Peter's faith would not fail. Jesus said when Peter returned to Jesus he was to strengthen his brothers in Christ. Peter denied him 3 times that night (Mt 26:69-75).*

**D. Jesus told His Disciples that He would be reckoned among transgressors.**

**Lk 22:35-38** And he said unto them, when I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing. 36Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one. 37For I say unto you, *that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors:* for the things

concerning me have an end. 38And they said, Lord, behold, *here are two swords*. And he said unto them, *It is enough*.

**Transgressors:** Strong's 459-a violator of the divine law, a transgressor, impious, wicked

**Jesus said an unusual thing: buy words, but then He said that two would be enough. He was not telling them to arm themselves to fight, He was fulfilling this scripture:**

**Is 53:12** Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: *and he was numbered with the transgressors*; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

*By allowing His disciples to bring 2 swords, Jesus set the stage for the perception that He was with the transgressors, and in so doing, fulfilled the scriptures.*

## **E. Jesus and His Disciples went to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane.**

### **1. Jesus asked His Disciples to pray to overcome temptation.**

**Lk 22:39-40, 46** And 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....*46 And said unto them, *Why sleep ye? Rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.*

**Temptation:** Strong's 3986-a putting to proof (by experiment [of good], experience [of evil], discipline or provocation), adversity, try

*Jesus' Disciples needed to pray to escape the trying of their faith, coming that night.*

### **2. Jesus asked His Disciples to watch and pray with Him in His agonizing trial.**

**Mt 26:36-40** Then 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 farther, 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*.

**Lk 22:43-44** And 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.

*Instead of praying and supporting Jesus, the Disciples gave into flesh and slept.*

**3. Jesus rebuked Peter for not praying to overcome temptations of the flesh.**

**Mt 26:40-41** 40And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, *What, could ye not watch with me one hour?* Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

*Jesus warned Peter that his spirit was willing but his flesh was weak. Peter did not take the Lord's warning to heart so he did not pray.*

**F. Jesus was betrayed in the Garden by Judas Iscariot.**

**1. Jesus was betrayed by Judas His Disciple.**

**Lk 22:47-48** 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. 48but Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the son of man with a kiss?

*Jesus experienced betrayal by His closest friends, religious leaders, government.*

**2. The Disciples were confused as to what to do.**

**Lk 22:49-50** When they which were about him saw what would follow, they said unto him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword? 50And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear.

*The Disciples asked if they should fight; Peter acted in the flesh ignoring teachings.*

**3. Jesus denounced and corrected the act of violence.**

**Lk 22:51** And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him.

*Jesus told him to allow His arrest; He did not resist or fight back. He was not a transgressor of the Law where He would resist arrest, retaliate, or fight back.*

**Mt 26:52-54** 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.* 53Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? 54But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?

*In this trial, Jesus modeled the character God wanted: submission to God in faith.*

**Jn 18:10-11** Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. 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?

*Jesus said to put the sword up or perish with it. The purpose of having the sword was to show His Disciples not to resist or fight back. God would protect them; things had to go the way of the Scriptures.*

#### **4. Jesus stood His ground and answered in a reasonable fashion.**

**Mt 26:55-56a** 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. 56But all this was done that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.

*After agonizing prayer, Jesus stood His ground and answered reasonably.*

**Jn 18:4-9** Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, *went forth*, and said unto them, Whom seek ye? 5They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am *he*. And Judas also, Which betrayed him, stood with them. 6As soon then as he had said unto them **I am he**, they went backward, and fell to the ground. 7Then asked he them again Whom seek ye? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth. 8Jesus answered, I have told you that I am *he*: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way: 9that the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none.

*Note the power of His prayers and 3 statements of I AM. First, they fell backwards to the ground. He needed no rescue: they could not stand in the presence of I AM.*

#### **5. The Disciples gave into their flesh and fled.**

**Mt 26:56b** Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.

**Mk 14:51-52** 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: 52And he left the linen cloth, and fled from them naked.

*The Disciples, weak in faith, did not overcome in their time of testing, and fled.*

### **III. Summary:**

**In this study, we saw how Jesus modeled how to handle betrayal and denial by friends and loved ones, and confrontation with religious leaders and government officials:**

- 1. Jesus prayed fervently for the Father’s will: He modeled how to pray in crisis.**
- 2. Jesus did not fight or retaliate in any way: He modeled patience and self-control.**
- 3. Jesus did not run away. He trusted God in that “hour of darkness.”**
- 4. Jesus humbly submitted to Father’s will: He fulfilled scriptures about His death.**
- 5. Jesus stood against all adversity: He showed how to live and endure for God.**

**Jesus overcame His flesh, the world, and the devil. Jesus is the One True Hero.**

**Deliverance Prayer**

Father, we come to You in the name of Jesus our Savior. We know that You sent Jesus to die on the cross for us so that we could be saved, healed, and delivered. Satan is our enemy who came to steal, kill, and destroy us. But Jesus overcame and defeated the devil at Calvary, and we are saved by faith in Jesus. Father, because we love You, we obey Your commandments and love others as ourselves.

Father, in the name of Jesus we ask you to forgive our sins. Everything that we ate, drank, said, did, thought, or purposed in our heart that was sin against You. Father we confess in the name of Jesus that our forefathers committed sins, and we ask You, in the name of Jesus to break off the curses that come down the family line because of their sin.

Father in the name of Jesus we forgive everyone who harmed us in any way, just as You forgave us our sins. Show us now Father if there is anyone whom we have not forgiven. [Pause] Father we forgive them just as You forgave us.

Father now in the name of Jesus we bind and break the power of Satan, demons, and principalities over us. In the name of Jesus, we forbid them to communicate with each other in any way to help and strengthen each other. In the name of Jesus we loose the holy angels to block any attempt to hinder our prayers and deliverance. In the name of Jesus we loose the Holy angels all around us, over us, and beneath us shoulder to shoulder to fight for us against the devil and his host. In the name of Jesus, the angels are to take all the demons that are cast out to the pit, never to return.

Father in the name of Jesus, we renounce and cast out the following evil spirits:

Pride	Dissension/quarreling
Doubt/unbelief	Hindrances to faith
Betrayal	religious spirits
Denial	violence

Father in name of Jesus we renounce each sin, and cast out the evil spirits in the name of Jesus, 3 breathes and out they go.

Father, in the name of Jesus, fill us with the love and fruit of the Spirit. Love joy, peace....

Father in the name of Jesus give us the mind of Christ, love of the Father, and lead us by Your Holy Spirit to do the things that glorify You. In Jesus name, we pray, Amen!