

Luke 22:39-53 New Living Translation

Jesus Prays on the Mount of Olives

39 Then, accompanied by the disciples, Jesus left the upstairs room and went as usual to the Mount of Olives. **40** There he told them, “Pray that you will not give in to temptation.”

41 He walked away, about a stone’s throw, and knelt down and prayed, **42** “Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.” **43** Then an angel from heaven appeared and strengthened him. **44** He prayed more fervently, and he was in such agony of spirit that his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood.^[a]

45 At last he stood up again and returned to the disciples, only to find them asleep, exhausted from grief. **46** “Why are you sleeping?” he asked them. “Get up and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation.”

Jesus Is Betrayed and Arrested

47 But even as Jesus said this, a crowd approached, led by Judas, one of the twelve disciples. Judas walked over to Jesus to greet him with a kiss. **48** But Jesus said, “Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?”

49 When the other disciples saw what was about to happen, they exclaimed, “Lord, should we fight? We brought the swords!” **50** And one of them struck at the high priest’s slave, slashing off his right ear.

51 But Jesus said, “No more of this.” And he touched the man’s ear and healed him.

52 Then Jesus spoke to the leading priests, the captains of the Temple guard, and the elders who had come for him. “Am I some dangerous revolutionary,” he asked, “that you come with swords and clubs to arrest me? **53** Why didn’t you arrest me in the Temple? I was there every day. But this is your moment, the time when the power of darkness reigns.”

Footnotes

- [22:43-44](#) Verses 43 and 44 are not included in the most ancient manuscripts.

Questions:

1. What was “the cup of suffering” that Jesus asked the Father to take away?
2. Why does Jesus say? “Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.”
3. Do you every pray for God’s will, not your will? Explain.
Is this a hard prayer? Why?
4. Why did they arrest Jesus at night?
5. Do you have a sin that you want to keep in the dark?
Could you pray right now and repent of that sin?