

## All for One and One for All Part 2.

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Scripture Text: Matthew 20:17-19 NKJV *17 Now Jesus, going up to Jerusalem, took the twelve disciples aside on the road and said to them, 18 “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, 19 and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again.”*

The people praised Jesus as being Messiah when He entered into the city of Jerusalem. They spread their cloaks and palm branches in His path out of respect as He rode upon a colt. The entire crowd herald Him as Messiah as they praised God for their King who had performed so many miracles.

His heart was turned toward Jerusalem even though He was fully aware of what was awaiting Him. He knew that His arrival into this world was to reclaim a people for the Kingdom of God through His death, burial and resurrection.

This was not the only time that Jesus reminded His disciples of what awaited Him in Jerusalem. In this last reminder, *He added that He would be betrayed.*

The disciples did not comprehend the depth of Jesus’s message. Perhaps, they felt self-assured because of all the phenomenal miracles that He had accomplished. How could anyone deny Him as Messiah? With all the time that He spent with them they still could not receive the truth of His death. The disciples along and many others had great hopes for Jesus to lead them from under the rule of Rome and establish His Kingdom. After all, He had power over the greatest enemy (DEATH).

Luke 22:40-46 NKJV *40 When He came to the place, He said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.”*

*41 And He was withdrawn from them about a stone’s throw, and He knelt down and prayed, 42 saying, “Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.” 43 Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. 44 And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. 45 When He rose up from prayer, and had come to His disciples, He found them sleeping from sorrow. 46 Then He said to them, “Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation.”*

VERSE *40 When He came to the place, He said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.”* Luke records, that Jesus went to the Mount of Olives while Matthew and Mark refer to that same place as Gethsemane (the Olive Press). Jesus commanded them to pray and not enter into temptation because He knew what was to follow. They eventually came to realize that Jesus would be betrayed and that He would no longer be with them. The heaviness of that knowledge resulted in them becoming depressed, sorrowful exhausted.

VERSE 41 *And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed,*

The magnitude from the weight of carrying the sins of the world drove Him to pray with intense fervor. The sins of every past, present and future human being was upon His back.

VERSE 42 *saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."*

We see the human side of Jesus (fully human and fully God). He knew the purpose of the Father's will in being the sin offering for the entire world. In this scene He shows us that to be human is to resist pain and agony, if at all possible. His resolve was, as well as ours should be, nevertheless not my will, but Yours, be done.

Whenever you and I come to a very hard place in our lives, we want OUT! Lord, please deliver me from this in Jesus Name! After we have exhausted our efforts to change the pieridine, we humbly submit!

VERSE 43 *Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him.*

The enemies of LIFE (Sin and Death) had their grip on His humanity and an Angel appeared to strengthen Him to BEAR IT until victory was won. The agony of His suffering was for your victory and my victory over sin, death and the grave! Some trials in life require you and I to bear and forbear for the Glory of God. John 11:25-26 NKJV 25 *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"* That which was our greatest fear Jesus came to destroy and set us free.

VERSE 44 *And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.*

There are cases recorded in medical history in which intense mental suffering has been accompanied by the oozing of Blood. When there is a breakdown of blood vessels bleeding will occur. His sweat was a foretaste of the blood that he would shed for humanity on the way to the cross.

We can't begin to imagine His thoughts of being separated from the Father in carrying our sins to the cross.

VERSE 45 *When He rose up from prayer, and had come to His disciples, He found them sleeping from sorrow.*

The disciples did not have the strength to prevail in prayer because of their physical and emotional bankruptcy. He returns to engage the disciples to pray and He finds them fast asleep. In Matthew 26:41 NKJV *Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.* Sometimes you know that there is a real need requiring intense prayer and your spirit wants to prevail but the body says otherwise.

VERSE 46 *Then He said to them, "Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation."*

Within minutes Jesus was betrayed with a kiss from Judas who followed Him but not from the heart. Judas led a large crowd composed of the chief priest, religious leaders, captains of the temple, Roman soldiers and others to apprehend Jesus. At this point the disciples had succumbed to temptation and were prepared to fight to the death. They took up swords rather than taking up prayer as Jesus had urged them to pray several times in Gethsemane. Simon *Peter*, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, *cutting off his right ear*. Jesus healed his ear and placed it back the servant's head. Whenever a person is threatened, human nature rises to the top and vengeance becomes a natural reflex.

#### APPLICATIONS:

Following Him at a distance impedes you from comprehending Him with your whole heart. When Faith is tested, failure to pray makes it easy to stray.