

Jared slipped out and quietly followed the eleven disciples and Jesus through Jerusalem and up towards the Mt of Olives. The moonlight was bright, and Jared heard Jesus talk about the grape vine and how it represented the strong relationship between Jesus and all believers. Then Jared heard Jesus say the most important way to show you really believed in God was the way you loved others.

The group moved on slowly. It seemed to Jared that Jesus grew silent. He did not seem as calm or happy as normal. Jared watched closely as they approached the Garden of Gethsemane. Seven of the disciples stayed near the entrance while Jesus asked Peter, James and John to go with Him further into the Garden. But something seemed strangely wrong with Jesus. And it seemed the disciples were at a loss as to how to help Him. That worried Jared.

He crept closer and listened as Jesus begged the three men to please pray and be alert. Then Jesus went on by Himself further into the Garden, about as far as Jared could have thrown a stone. He collapsed on the ground and seemed to be in really deep despair. Jared heard Jesus praying, about not wanting to go through whatever it was He appeared to be facing.

Then Jesus struggled up, staggered back to Peter, James and John and found them fast asleep. They could not even support Him by staying awake to pray. He woke them up and asked them to please pray and be watchful. Then He went back and prayed again, "Father, if possible, take this cup from Me. But whatever you think is best."

Again, Jesus struggled back to the three men who had simply gone back to sleep. This time He did not even try and wake them. Resignedly, Jesus turned and went back to the same place. Again, Jesus prayed, but this time, it was as though Jesus had moved from pleading for release for whatever He was facing to accepting He had to go through with it. In the moon light, Jared could see blood and sweat on Jesus' forehead. Wow! Jared had never seen anyone so distressed before.

Then just as Jared watched, a bright light surrounded Jesus. In amazement Jared saw an angel beside Jesus, comforting and strengthening Him. It was clearly just what Jesus needed at that point. When the angel left, Jesus seemed to be refreshed and ready to face whatever the challenge was.

He stood up, walked confidently over to the sleeping men, and this time He simply woke them, then went back to the other disciples and said, "The hour has come. The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of sinners. Here comes the betrayer!"

Just then Jared realised he could hear a blood thirsty mob off in the distance and growing closer. That was not normal. People should be at home in bed at this hour. What was happening? Did the noisy mob have something to do with what Jesus had just said? They couldn't be after Jesus! He was the person who went around helping and healing. Jared knew that Jesus had upset the religious leaders, but surely, they were not so crazy that they would want to kill Jesus.

Jared slunk off into the nearby bushes as the burning torches of the mob got closer and closer. The noise became over-whelming.

He watched in disbelief as the tall figure of Judas led the rabble forward into the Garden. He heard Judas tell the priests and Pharisees, "He should be around here somewhere. This is where Jesus always comes to pray at night. I know, I have watched Him many times."

Then to Jared's absolute horror, Judas came over, greeted Jesus warmly and stepped aside. Jared was stunned! He could not move. What did it all mean? He remembered that Jesus had told Judas at the supper, "what you need to do – go and do quickly." Is this terrible thing what Jesus meant?

Prayer Power

Sabbath

Do you ever worry? Find the words in bold.

Different people worry about all sorts of different things; some worry about what will **happen tomorrow** or what will happen **at school**. Some worry about **meeting new people** or going **new places**; **some people worry about what others think about them.**



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Sunday

It was night-time when Jesus and His disciples finished eating the special Passover dinner and Jesus led them to the Garden of Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives, a place they had often been. Jesus left most of the disciples near the gate and took Peter, James and John in with Him; He knew He was going to die soon and said to them, "My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with Me."

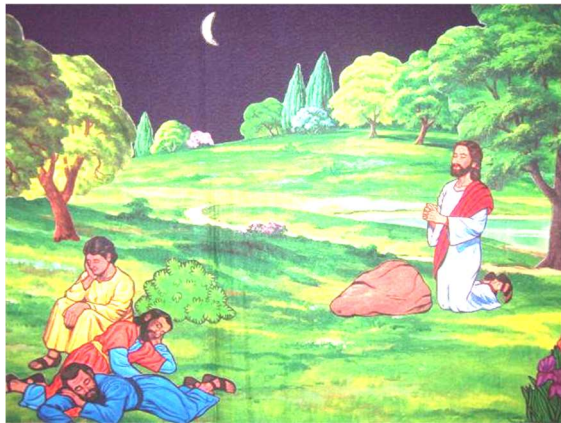
Matthew 26:38 NLT

Then Jesus went on a little farther and prayed, "My Father! If it is possible, let this suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine." verse 39

Returning to the disciples, He found them asleep. He woke them saying, "Couldn't you keep watch even one hour? Pray so that you will not give in to temptation."

Then Jesus left them and continued to pray. Jesus was very distressed - Luke says He was 'in agony of spirit' - then an angel appeared to strengthen Him.

When He returned, He found them sleeping again, but He left them sleeping and continued to pray.



Friday

What did Jesus say when some of the disciples tried to defend themselves?

Matthew 26:53, "Don't you realize that I could ask My _____ for thousands of angels to protect us. And He would send them instantly?"

Nothing can happen unless God allows it. 1 Corinthians 10:13, "The temptations in your life are not different from what others experience. And God is _____. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, He will show you a way out so that you can endure." NLT

Matthew 10:28, "Don't be _____ of those who want to kill your _____; they _____ touch your soul..." NLT

Psalms 34:7, "The _____ of the _____ is a guard; he surrounds and defends all who _____ Him." NLT

Most of the time we can't see God's angels and we are unaware of what they are doing for us. But there are still many stories of people who have seen angels, and who became aware of their protection. Some people have collected these stories into books, like "Guides Greatest Angel Stories." Published by Review and Herald.

Find the missing and underlined words in the grid.

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Thursday

What did Jesus tell His disciples when He found them asleep?

Matthew 26:41^{NLT}

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Prayer was vital to the success of Jesus ministry on earth. And it is for ours as well. Luke 6:12 is one of several verses that mention

Jesus praying. "One of these days _____ went out to a mountainside to _____ and spent the _____ praying to God."

In talking about the Armour of God, Paul concludes,

Ephesians 6:18, "_____ in the _____ at _____ all times and on every occasion. Stay _____ and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, "Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all _____, for this is _____ will for you who belong to _____."

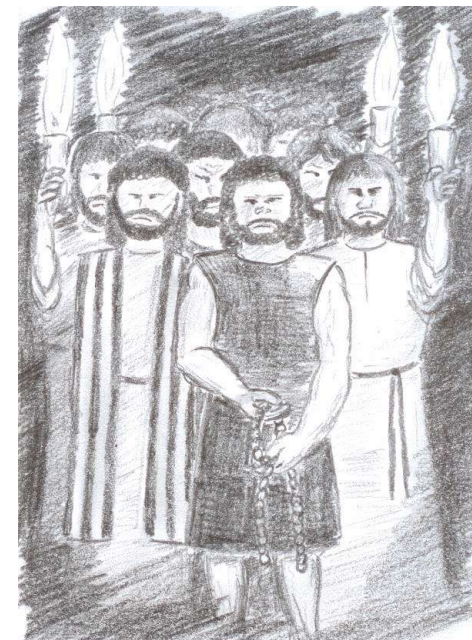
Monday

While Jesus waited in the garden, a crowd of men with swords and clubs came, led by Judas who was one of Jesus disciples.

When they came close, Jesus asked them, "Who are you looking for?"

They replied, "Jesus of Nazareth."

Then Jesus said, "I AM" And the crowd drew back and fell to the ground! When they came forward again, Jesus again asked them who they sought. And again Jesus said, "I AM." Then He added, "So let these others go."



Jesus asked Judas, "Would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?" Judas had told crowd that he would greet Jesus with a kiss as was the custom. He did this and then they grabbed Jesus and arrested him. But Peter pulled out his sword and cut off the ear of the high priest's slave, Malchus.

"Put away your sword," Jesus told him. "Don't you realize that I could ask My Father for thousands of angels to protect us, and He would send them instantly?"

Jesus said to the crowd, "Am I so dangerous that you come with swords and clubs? Why didn't you arrest Me when I was in the Temple teaching every day? But your moment has come, the power of darkness reigns. This is happening just as the Bible said it would."

Then all the disciples deserted Him and ran away to hide.

Tuesday

Why was Jesus upset? Matthew 26:38, "My ____ (5d) is crushed with grief, overwhelmed with sorrow, to the point of ____ (6a)."

Then Jesus prayed (verse 39), "My Father! If it is ____ (9a), let this cup of suffering be taken away from Me. Yet I want Your will to be done, not Mine."

John tells us of another time when Jesus said, something similar. Jesus had been talking about His coming death and He said in John 12:27, "Now My soul is deeply ____ (7d). Should I pray, 'Father, ____ (5a) Me from this hour?' But this is the very ____ (11d) I ____ (1d).

Isaiah prophesied about this. Read Isaiah chapter 53 in either the NIV or NLT Bible and fill in the missing words from the selected verse below.

"...it was our weaknesses He carried; it was our sorrows that

weighed Him down... But He was ____ (8d) for our rebellion, our transgressions, ____ (12a) for our sins (iniquities) ...the LORD ____ (2d) on Him the sins (iniquities)

of ____ (10d) ____ (4a)

...But it was the LORD's

good plan, the LORD's

will, to ____ (13a)

Him and cause Him grief.

...When He sees all that is

accomplished by His anguish,

He will be satisfied. And

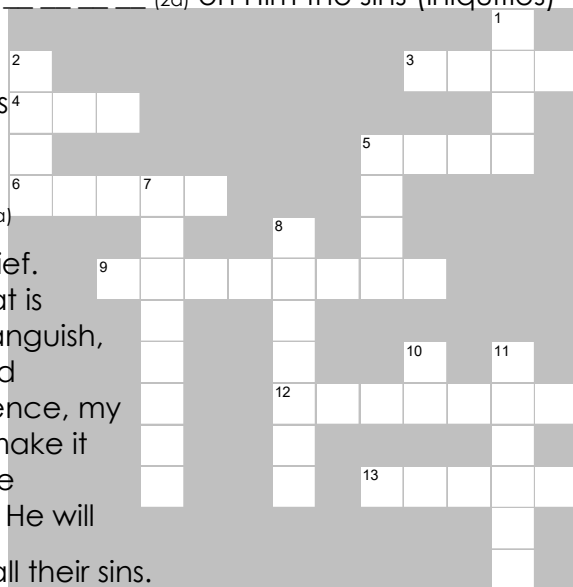
because of His experience, my

righteous servant will make it

possible for many to be

counted righteous, for He will

____ (3a), (carry) all their sins.



Wednesday

All four of the Gospel writers wrote about the night of Jesus' arrest. You can find their accounts in Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22 and John 18. Each author has included different points, although they all mention Judas being involved, and the ear being cut off.

Experts who interview eyewitnesses say these differences are a sign that eyewitnesses are telling the truth, because different people notice different things, and remember different things.

Matthew, Mark and Luke, but not John, recorded Jesus' words of prayer to His father.

Luke tells us something that the other Gospel writers don't mention. What happened?

Luke 22:43 _____

John tells us something else that the other writes don't mention. What is it?

John 18:4-9 _____

Some Bibles use capital letters for "I AM". When God told Moses to go to the Israelite slaves, and Moses asked who he should say had sent him, God said to say, "I AM has sent me to you."

Mark records an incident not shared by the other Gospel writers – perhaps Mark was the one to whom the incident happened, or else that person told him.

Mark 14:50-52 _____
