

**Providence Reformed Baptist Church – Sunday, February 11, 2024**

**Sermon Series: The Gospel of the Kingdom – Matthew**

**Message 117. “The Garden of Gethsemane” – Matthew 26:31-46**

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Introduction: As Jesus and His disciples arrive at the Garden, this is the last scene in which we find them alone until after the resurrection. As Jesus begins to face the agony of the wrath of God, He will find Himself alone in the garden to suffer for our sins.

- I. Scattering the Sheep – vs. 31-35
  - A. All Will Fall Away (vs. 31-32)
    1. The Shepherd Struck by God – Zech. 13:7
    2. The Sheep Scattered but Safe – John 17:9-19, 20-24
    3. Regathered and Commissioned in Galilee – Matt. 28:16-20
  - B. “I Will Never Fall Away” (vs. 33-35) – 1 Cor. 10:12-13
    1. Peter Contradicts Jesus
    2. Peter Will Deny Jesus 3 Times
    3. “I Will Not!”
    4. All the Disciples Said the Same
- II. Into the Olive Press – vs. 36-45a
  - A. Sit Here While I Go Pray (vs. 36)
  - B. Peter, James, and John (vs. 37)
    1. Those with Him at the Transfiguration – His Royal Glory Revealed
    2. Now with Him in His Deepest Grief and Agony
  - C. Jesus Grieved and Distressed (vs. 38) – Psa. 42:5-6, 11; 43:5
    1. To the Point of Death
    2. Watch with Me
  - D. The First Prayer (vs. 39-41)
    1. “My Father”
    2. “If it is possible”
    3. The cup of wrath – Psa. 75:8; Isa. 51:22; Jer. 25:15; Ezek. 23:31-34
    4. “Not as I will, but as You will” – Phil. 2:8
    5. Disciples Fell Asleep – Mark 14:37 (See I.B.3)
    6. Watch and Pray, Avoid Temptation
    7. “The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak” – 1 Cor. 1:26-29
  - E. The Second Prayer (vs. 42-43)
    1. Prayed More Earnestly – Luke 22:44
    2. Agony and Acceptance – if it cannot pass away – Quote #1
    3. “Your will be done.” – Quote #2
    4. The Disciples, Sleeping for Sorrow – no human comfort or companionship
    5. But...Luke 22:43
  - F. The Third Prayer (vs. 44-45a)
    1. Alone – Isaiah 63:3
    2. Still Sleeping? – Quote #3, Survey
  - G. Thy Will Be Done – 3 times – no resistance at arrest, no defense at trial
- III. Betrayed into the Hands of Sinners – vs. 45b-46

## Quotes

1. “The tension upon His whole frame became so great that His life seemed oozing away through every pore.” – RT France
2. “The will of God is not imposed on an unwilling victim but is deliberately faced and shared by the Son Himself.” – RTF
3. “Peter’s problem is not lack of enthusiasm for Jesus, but lack of moral stamina to face up to what it will mean in practice.” – RTF

**Survey** – A recent survey of self-professed evangelical Christians showed that 16% regularly attend a local church on a weekly basis in Texas.

## **Cross References**

### **Zechariah 13:7**

7 “Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd And against the man, My Associate,” Declares Yahweh of hosts. “Strike the Shepherd that the sheep may be scattered; And I will turn My hand against the little ones.

### **John 17:9-19, 20-24**

9 I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world but of those whom You have given Me; for they are Yours; 10 and all things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them. 11 And I am no longer in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are. 12 While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me; and I guarded them and not one of them perished but the son of perdition, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled. 13 But now I come to You; and these things I speak in the world so that they may have My joy made full in themselves. 14 I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 15 I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them by the truth; Your word is truth. 18 As You sent Me into the world, I also sent them into the world. 19 For their sake I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.

20 “I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; 21 that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; 23 I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me. 24 Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

### **1 Corinthians 10:12-13**

12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall. 13 No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man, but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

### **Psalms 42:5-6, 11**

5 Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why are you disturbed within me? Wait for God, for I shall still praise Him, For the salvation of His presence. 6 O my God, my soul is in despair within me; Therefore I remember You from the land of the Jordan And the peaks of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.

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### **Psalms 43:5**

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**Psalm 75:8**

8 For a cup is in the hand of Yahweh, and the wine foams; It is full of His mixture, and He pours from this; Surely all the wicked of the earth must drain and drink down its dregs.

**Isaiah 51:22**

22 Thus says your Lord, Yahweh, even your God Who contends for His people, “Behold, I have taken out of your hand the cup of reeling, The chalice of My wrath; You will never drink it again.

**Jeremiah 25:15**

15 For thus Yahweh, the God of Israel, says to me, “Take this cup of the wine of wrath from My hand and cause all the nations to whom I send you to drink it.

**Ezekiel 23:31-33**

31 You have walked in the way of your sister; therefore I will give her cup into your hand.’ 32 Thus says Lord Yahweh, ‘You will drink your sister’s cup, Which is deep and wide. You will be laughed at and held in derision; It contains much. 33 You will be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, The cup of horror and desolation, The cup of your sister Samaria.

**Philippians 2:8**

8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

**Mark 14:37**

37 And He \*came and \*found them sleeping, and \*said to Peter, “Simon, are you sleeping? Could you not keep watch for one hour?

**1 Corinthians 1:26-29**

26 For consider your calling, brothers, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble. 27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, 28 and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may abolish the things that are, 29 so that no flesh may boast before God.

**Luke 22:44**

44 And being in agony He was praying very fervently, and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground.

**Luke 22:43**

43 Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him.

**Isaiah 63:3**

3 “I have trodden the wine trough alone, And from the peoples there was no man with Me. I also trod them in My anger And trampled them in My wrath; And their lifeblood is sprinkled on My garments, And I stained all My clothes.