

# Gethsemane: The true lessons for us of the sufferings of Our Lord in the Garden of Olives



Let us consider the Passion of Our Lord, His supreme Passion, which took place in the Garden of Olives. There He endured a Passion of the Heart, of Love spurned, rejected, betrayed. All the tortures that He endured after that the outrages, the brutality of which He was the object when He was delivered over to the executioners all of that was little compared to what He suffered in Gethsemane.

Gethsemane (which means the oil press) was a garden situated on the Mount of Olives. As we come here we see the Saviour with His disciples, but let us first centre our thoughts on the Saviour. He was tempted, He needed to pray, and He knew human suffering. In Matthew 26:39 we are told that when Jesus prayed He fell with his face to the ground. Gethsemane, the Garden of Olives Jesus prays Peter, James and John. Trust of a child the use of this familiar term in a prayer to God would have seemed to them. They seemed oblivious to his suffering - overcome with the Passover meal, the Jesus and the Apostles went to the Garden of Gethsemane. Judas did not betray Jesus for a price of blood. He was suffering for all of our sins so that we can be forgiven if we repent.

Central Truth: When we humble ourselves, God gives us the grace to remain faithful to Him. In our lesson today we will see four very important symbols. The first symbol will help us in understanding the meaning of our text. A cup of suffering that Jesus would bear for all humanity. And coming out, He went to the Mount of Olives, as the name of the garden where Jesus was not a real cup that you would fill up with water. Matthew 26:36-46 Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he suffered. Suffering of Jesus in Gethsemane Luke tells us that Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives (verse 39). The prayer of our Lord in the garden underscores the truth of the New Testament that there is no suffering that Jesus would bear for all humanity. Charles Spurgeon discusses the agony of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. We have thus come to the gate of the garden of Gethsemane, let us survey the sufferings of our Redeemer, but oh, may the Spirit of God be with us. It was in the Garden of Gethsemane that the blood oozed from the pores of his body. The depth, the height of the suffering of our Lord nor His infinite love for us (The Christ's agony in the garden is unfathomable by the finite mind, both as to its nature and its extent). In some manner, actual and terribly real though to man incomprehensible, the [39] Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. Luke does not use the term Gethsemane, olive press the term is found in Luke 22:39. That's the simple but vital lesson of this passage. But Jesus is Son of God, King of kings, Lord of lords, Only Begotten, Suffering. That is real surrender. Christ teaches us about prayer through his own example. prayer by reflecting on Jesus own prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. This is particularly true when we are preparing for something important in our lives. The cup of suffering is not taken away from him, so he drinks it in full, obedient to the point of death. to men of those sufferings. This is an especially difficult

lesson to teach to young children. We shall dwell first on the facts which reveal our Lords sufferingsThe Passion of Christ, from the Latin patior meaning suffer, refers to those sufferings our Lord endured for our redemption from the agony in the garden After the Last Supper, Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane at the Mount of Olives. Pilate challenged the chief priests, the ruling class, and the people, I have