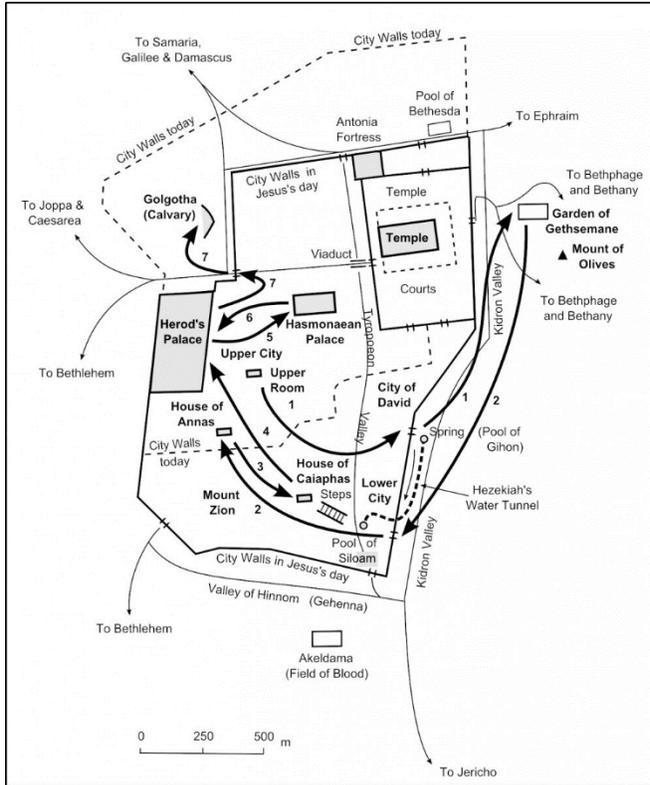


43--The Scene at the Garden of Gethsemane

Matthew 26:30-56; Mark 14:26-52; Luke 22:39-53



1. After the final Passover meal, Jesus goes to the Mount of Olives, over the Brook Kidron, and into the Garden of Gethsemane. Use a Bible dictionary to describe this location. What does Jesus choose to do in these final moments prior to His betrayal (Matthew 26:36; Mark 14:32; Luke 22:39-40; John 18:1)?

2. Read the first prayer of Jesus in the Garden in Matthew 26:37-41; Mark 14:33-38; Luke 22:41-43. Who does Jesus bring with Him during this difficult time? If Jesus needed the presence of others in difficult times, what lesson can this teach us about human nature?

3. Jesus uses the word "Abba" to address His Father in heaven. What does this word mean? According to Luke's account, who does the Father send to comfort Jesus (see Luke 22:43)?

4. Jesus offers a second prayer after His first prayer to God (see Matthew 26:42-43; Mark 14:39-40; Luke 22:49). What does this short prayer indicate about the mindset of Jesus before this great trial?

5. Why is Jesus disappointed in His fellow disciples during this great time of difficulty? What does their response indicate about their mindset?

6. A third and final prayer is offered by Jesus in the Garden (Matthew 26:44-46; Mark 14:41-42; Luke 22:45-46). Why did Jesus believe His disciples needed to pray (Matthew 26:41)?

7. Because Jesus prayed, how does this affect His ability to walk towards His betrayer and the trials ahead? Because the disciples did not pray, what is the outcome as they face trials?

8. Judas came with a crowd when he came to betray Jesus. Describe the scene and what it indicates about all those involved in this dark exchange between Judas and Jesus (Matthew 26:47-50; Mark 14:43-45; Luke 22:47-48; John 18:1-9).

9. How does Peter immediately respond to the arrest of Jesus? What does Jesus do in the presence of all those gathered to again prove His deity (Matthew 26:50-54; Mark 14:46-47; Luke 22:49-51; John 18:10-11)? What does Jesus indicate to Peter He could have done?

10. Jesus had made a bold prediction recorded in Matthew 26:31. What was it? What happened when the arresting party came for Jesus (Matthew 26:55-56; Mark 14:48-52; Luke 22:52-53)?