

Scripture Passage

Session 75: Gethsemane

Matthew 26:30-46

³⁰After singing psalms, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

³¹Then Jesus said to them, “Tonight all of you will run away because of Me, for it is written:

I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.

³²But after I have been resurrected, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.”

³³Peter told Him, “Even if everyone runs away because of You, I will never run away!”

³⁴“I assure you,” Jesus said to him, “tonight—before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times!”

³⁵“Even if I have to die with You,” Peter told Him, “I will never deny You!” And all the disciples said the same thing.

³⁶Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and He told the disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.”

³⁷Taking along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. ³⁸Then He said to them, “My soul is swallowed up in sorrow—to the point of death. Remain here and stay awake with Me.” ³⁹Going a little farther, He fell facedown and prayed, “My Father! If it is possible, let this cup pass from Me. Yet not as I will, but as You will.”

⁴⁰Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping. He asked Peter, “So, couldn’t you stay awake with Me one hour? ⁴¹Stay awake and pray, so that you won’t enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

⁴²Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, Your will be done.” ⁴³And He came again and found them sleeping, because they could not keep their eyes open.

⁴⁴After leaving them, He went away again and prayed a third time, saying the same thing once more. ⁴⁵Then He came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the time is near. The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Get up; let’s go! See—My betrayer is near.”