

~GETHSEMANE (295)

(Geth-sem'a-ne) [Oil Press]

- **Probably a garden of olive trees that was equipped with a press for squeezing oil from olives. **Gethsemane** was located East of Jerusalem, across the Kidron Valley.**
- **Having said these things, Jesus went out with his disciples across the winter torrent of Kidron to where there was a garden, and he and his disciples entered into it. (John 18:1)**
- **On or near the Mount of Olives.**
- **On going out he went as customarily to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples also followed him. (Luke 22:39)**
- **Here Jesus Christ often met with his disciples.**
- **Now Judas, his betrayer, also knew the place, because Jesus had many times met there with his disciples. (John 18:2)**
- **On Passover night of 33 C.E, he, with his faithful disciples, retired to this garden to pray. Found and betrayed by Judas Iscariot, Jesus was there seized by an armed mob.**
- **Then Jesus came with them to the spot called **Gethsemane**, and he said to the disciples; Sit down here while I go over there and pray. (Matthew 26:36)**
- **And taking along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he started to be grieved and to be sorely troubled. (Matthew 26:37)**
- **Then he said to them; My soul is deeply grieved, even to death. Stay here and keep on the watch with me. (Matthew 26:38)**
- **And going a little way forward, he fell upon his face, praying and saying; My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass away from me. Yet, not as I will, but as you will. (Matthew 26:39)**
- **And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter; Could you men not so much as watch one hour with me? (Matthew 26:40)**

- **Keep on the watch and pray continually, that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit, of course, is eager, but the flesh is weak. (Matthew 26:41)**
- **Again, for the second time, he went off and prayed, saying; My Father, if it is not possible for this to pass away except I drink it, let your will take place. (Matthew 26:42)**
- **And he came again and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. (Matthew 26:43)**
- **So leaving them, he again went off and prayed for the third time, saying once more the same word. (Matthew 26:44)**
- **Then he came to the disciples and said to them; At such a time as this you are sleeping and taking your rest! Look! The hour has drawn near for the Son of man to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. (Matthew 26:45)**
- **Get up, let us go. Look! My betrayer has drawn near. (Matthew 26:46)**
- **And while he was yet speaking, look! Judas, one of the twelve, came and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs from the chief priests and older men of the people. (Matthew 26:47)**
- **Now his betrayer had given them a sign, saying; Whoever it is I kiss, this is he, take him into custody. (Matthew 26:48)**
- **And going straight up to Jesus he said; Good day, Rabbi! And kissed him very tenderly. (Matthew 26:49)**
- **But Jesus said to him; Fellow, for what purpose are you present? Then they came forward and laid hands on Jesus and took him into custody. (Matthew 26:50)**
- **But, look! One of those with Jesus reached out his hand and drew his sword and struck the slave of the High Priest and took off his ear. (Matthew 26:51)**
- **Then Jesus said to him; Return your sword to its place, for all those who take the sword will perish by the sword. (Matthew 26:52)**

- Or do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father to supply me at this moment more than twelve legions of angels? (**Matthew 26:53**)
- In that case, how would the Scriptures be fulfilled that it must take place this way? (**Matthew 26:54**)
- In that hour Jesus said to the crowds; Have you come out with swords and clubs as against a robber to arrest me? Day after day I used to sit in the temple teaching, and yet you did not take me into custody. (**Matthew 26:55**)
- But all this has taken place for the scriptures of the prophets to be fulfilled. Then all the disciples abandoned him and fled. (**Matthew 26:56**)
- So they came to a spot named **Gethsemane**, and he said to his disciples; Sit down here while I pray. (**Mark 14:32**)
- And he took Peter and James and John along with him, and he started to be stunned and to be sorely troubled. (**Mark 14:33**)
- And he said to them; My soul is deeply grieved, even to death. Stay here and keep on the watch. (**Mark 14:34**)
- And going a little way forward he proceeded to fall on the ground and began praying that, if it were possible, the hour might pass away from him. (**Mark 14:35**)
- And he went on to say; Abba, Father, all things are possible to you, remove this cup from me. Yet not what I want, but what you want. (**Mark 14:36**)
- And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter; Simon, are you sleeping? Did you not have strength to keep on the watch one hour? (**Mark 14:37**)
- Men, keep on the watch and praying, in order, that you do not come into temptation. The spirit, of course, is eager, but the flesh is weak. (**Mark 14:38**)
- And he went away again and prayed, saying the same word. (**Mark 14:39**)

- **And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were weighed down, and so they did not know what to answer him. (Mark 14:40)**
- **And he came the third time and said to them; At such a time as this you are sleeping and taking your rest! It is enough! The hour has come! Look! The Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. (Mark 14:41)**
- **Get up, let us go. Look! My betrayer has drawn near. (Mark 14:42)**
- **And immediately, while he was yet speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived and with him a crowd with swords and clubs from the chief priests and the scribes and the older men. (Mark 14:43)**
- **Now his betrayer had given them an agreed sign, saying; Whoever it is I kiss, this is he. Take him into custody and lead him away safely. (Mark 14:44)**
- **And he came straight up and approached him and said; Rabbi! And kissed him very tenderly. (Mark 14:45)**
- **So they laid their hands upon him and took him into custody. (Mark 14:46)**
- **However, a certain one of those standing by drew his sword and struck the slave of the High Priest and took his ear off. (Mark 14:47)**
- **But in response Jesus said to them; Did you come out with swords and clubs as against a robber to arrest me? (Mark 14:48)**
- **Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and yet you did not take me into custody. Nevertheless, it is in order, that the Scriptures may be fulfilled. (Mark 14:49)**
- **And they all abandoned him and fled. (Mark 14:50)**
- **But a certain young man wearing a fine linen garment over his naked body began to follow him nearby, and they tried to seize him. (Mark 14:51)**

- But he left his linen garment behind and got away naked. (**Mark 14:52**)
- On going out he went as customarily to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples also followed him. (**Luke 22:39**)
- Having come to the place he said to them; Carry on prayer, that you do not enter into temptation. (**Luke 22:40**)
- And he himself drew away from them about a stone's throw, and bent his knees and began to pray. (**Luke 22:41**)
- Saying; Father, if you wish, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, let, not my will, but yours take place. (**Luke 22:42**)
- Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. (**Luke 22:43**)
- But getting into an agony he continued praying more earnestly, and his sweat became as drops of blood falling to the ground. (**Luke 22:44**)
- And he rose from prayer, went to the disciples and found them slumbering from grief. (**Luke 22:45**)
- And he said to them; Why are you sleeping? Rise and carry on prayer, that you do not enter into temptation. (**Luke 22:46**)
- While he was yet speaking, look! A crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was going before them, and he approached Jesus to kiss him. (**Luke 22:47**)
- But Jesus said to him; Judas, do you betray the Son of man with a kiss? (**Luke 22:48**)
- When those about him saw what was going to happen, they said; Lord, shall we strike with the sword? (**Luke 22:49**)
- A certain one of them even did strike the slave of the High Priest and took off his right ear. (**Luke 22:50**)
- But in reply Jesus said; Let it go as far as this. And he touched the ear and healed him. (**Luke 22:51**)

- **Jesus then said to the chief priests and captains of the temple and older men that had come there for him; Did you come out with swords and clubs as against a robber? (Luke 22:52)**
- **While I was with you in the temple day after day you did not stretch out your hands against me. But this is your hour and the authority of darkness. (Luke 22:53)**
- **Having said these things, Jesus went out with his disciples across the winter torrent of Kidron to where there was a garden, and he and his disciples entered into it. (John 18:1)**
- **Now Judas, his betrayer, also knew the place, because Jesus had many times met there with his disciples. (John 18:2)**
- **Therefore Judas took the soldier band and officers of the chief priests and of the Pharisees and came there with torches and lamps and weapons. (John 18:3)**
- **Jesus, therefore, knowing all the things coming upon him, went forth and said to them; Whom are you looking for? (John 18:4)**
- **They answered him; Jesus the Nazarene. He said to them; I am he. Now Judas, his betrayer, was also standing with them. (John 18:5)**
- **However, when he said to them; I am he, they drew back and fell to the ground. (John 18:6)**
- **Therefore he asked them again; Whom are you looking for? They said; Jesus the Nazarene. (John 18:7)**
- **Jesus answered; I told you I am he. If, therefore, it is I you are looking for, let these go. (John 18:8)**
- **In order, that the word might be fulfilled which he said; Of those whom you have given me I have not lost a single one. (John 18:9)**
- **Then Simon Peter, as he had a sword, drew it and struck the slave of the High Priest and cut his right ear off. The name of the slave was Malchus. (John 18:10)**
- **Jesus, however, said to Peter; Put the sword into its sheath. The**

cup that the Father has given me, should I not by all means drink it? (**John 18:11**)

- Then the soldier band and the military commander and the officers of the Jews seized Jesus and bound him. (**John 18:12**)
- The exact location of the garden of **Gethsemane** cannot be determined, because, according to the testimony of Josephus, all the trees around Jerusalem were cut down during the Roman siege in **70 C.E.** [**The Jewish War, VI, 5-8,i, 1**]
- One tradition identifies Gethsemane with the garden that was enclosed by the Franciscans in **1848 C.E.** It measures about 46 by 43 meters (150 feet by 140 feet) and is located at the foot of the Mount of Olives, at the fork of the road on its West slope. Eight olive trees in that garden have been there for centuries.