#### "Sell cloak and buy a sword" Lk 22: 35-38

- Physical offense? What would Peter do?
- Two swords were enough! How so?
   Self-defense, hunting??
- Spiritual kingdom! What will Jesus tell Pilate? (Jn 18: 33-40).
- 2 Cor 10:3-5 "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, 4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. 5 We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ."

THE STORY OF THE CRUCIFIXION

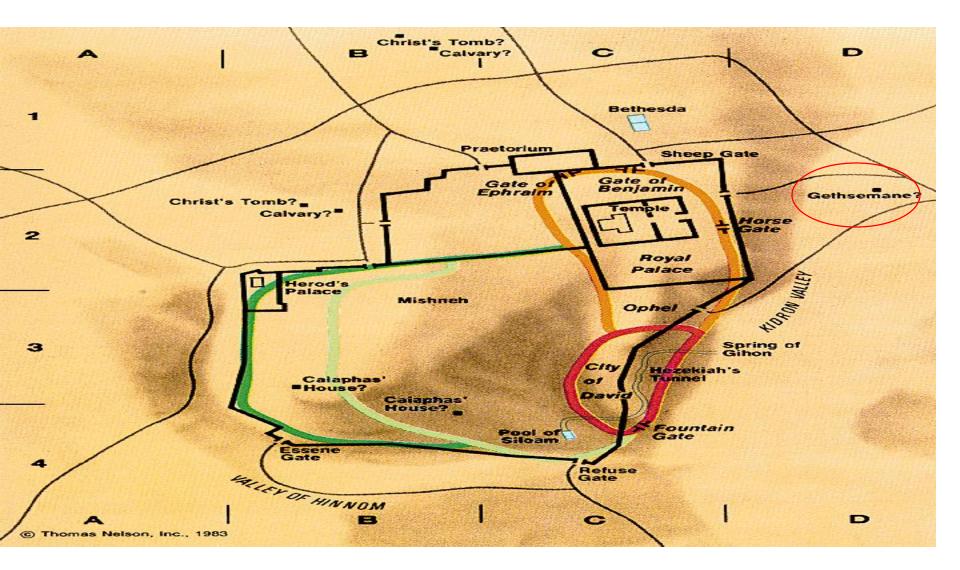
# GETHSEMANE: FOR HIS WILL

# Luke 22:39

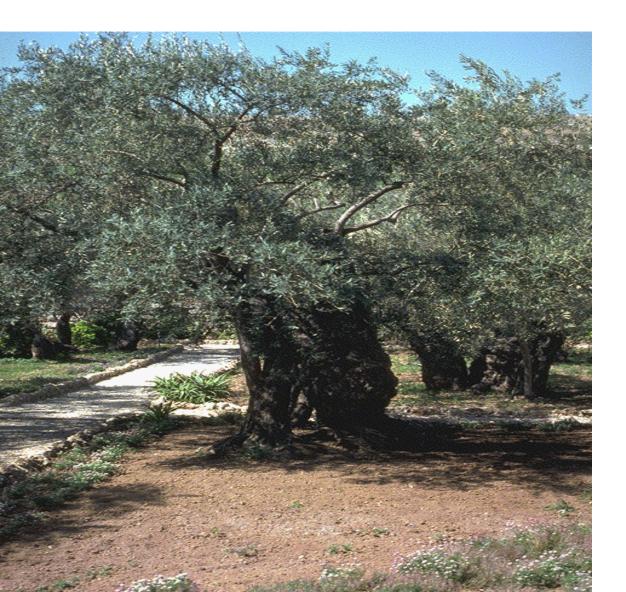
### Mount of Olives Today



#### City of Jerusalem

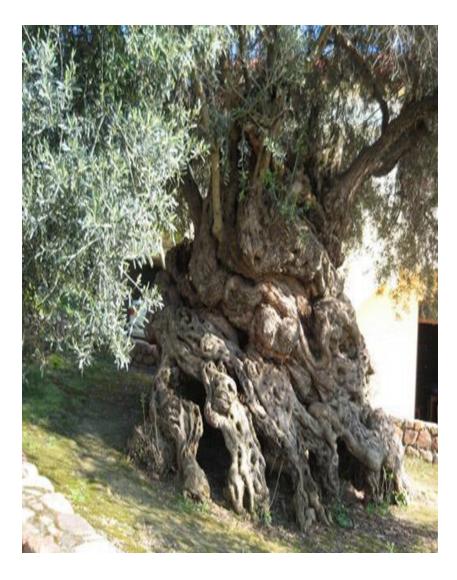


#### **Olive Tree of Gethsemane**



The name Gethsemane (gatshemanim) means "oil press" and suggests that the garden was a grove of olive trees with an oil press.

# How old are olive trees?



This ancient olive tree of Vouves is located on the Greek island of Crete and is one of seven olive trees in the Mediterranean believed to be at least 2,000 to 3,000 years old. Olive trees are hardy and drought-, disease- and fire-resistant - part of the reason for their longevity and their widespread use.

What happened to the Olive Trees at Gethsemane?



#### Josephus

The Romans cleared out all trees and structures within a mile radius all around the walls of Jerusalem in preparation for the siege of the city in AD 70.

#### Lead me to Calvary (Latin) "Time of anguish"

- King of my life, I crown Thee now,
  Thine shall the glory be;
- Lest I forget Thy thorn-crowned brow,
- Lead me to Calvary.
  - Refrain:
     Lest I forget Gethsemane,

     Lest I forget Thine agony;

     Lest I forget Thy love for me,

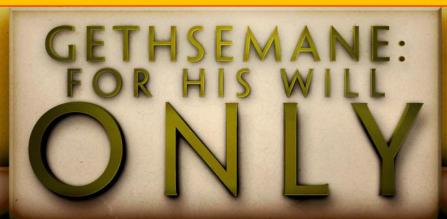
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#### Lead me to Calvary

- May I be willing, Lord, to bear
- Daily my cross for Thee;
- Even Thy cup of grief to share,
- Thou hast borne all for me.

Did Jesus have to get out of His comfort zone to learn obedience? PASSION

- 30 min walk from the upper room to Mt of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane.
- Clear view from garden across the Kidron Valley to gate of city.
- Here Jesus chose to *wait*.
- He took 3/12 into the inner garden the other 8 He left at the entrance to pray!
- Jesus went further into the garden to pray.



#### Jesus is in control of his destiny

- He gave His life...blood poured not split.
- He could have left but did not and refused to let his followers fight for Him.
- Jesus said: Take what you have come for—He gave himself freely to them!
- The soldiers came prepared for resistance, received none from Jesus.

#### "Pray that ye might not enter into temptation!"

- Why do you pray? How does it compare to Jesus?
- Both are facing greatest trials! Abort!
- Are you a "coper or avoider?" How did Jesus cope?
  - Disciples were sleeping WHY?
  - "For sorrow." Says Luke the physician. Lk 22:45).
  - When you are hurting, do you escape?
    - Sleep? Addiction emotional eating? Drugs?
    - Excessive entertainment? Denial?
- LS: Come face to face with sins, see how to cope, cleanse our guilt—for real, not just avoid!

#### "Pray lest ye enter into temptation!"

- Faced his troubles, acknowledged them in prayer – asked for help, He not escape!!
- Jesus suffered temptations unique to Him. How so?
- Who comes to his rescue?
  - An angel!
  - Spiritual battle! See Eph 6:10-13
  - The armor of a prayer warrior!!
  - Available to us! Gives us strength to choose the way of escape, and not back down when things are difficult!

#### "Let this cup pass from me, Not my will but thine be done"

- What was "this cup"??
- How could it be the cross? It is *His destiny*!
- If not, what might it be?
- Took tremendous strength/self control to just wait to be captured knowing what it meant.
  - -12 Legions of angels -6,000 soldiers = 72K
  - God could have protected Jesus and 11 disciples with a legion a piece!
  - "Inner cup of mental anguish"
  - "Sweating drops as it were blood."
  - Others suffered, never like this...separated from the Father, undeserved! Unique.
  - Similar to those on death row today!

#### Jesus: "With You all things are possible"

- NOTICE: It was not His being Divine that sustained Him but His confidence in God.
- We have the same access to God and power to resist temptation that Jesus did!
- Hematisdrosis—tiny capillaries in the sweat glands can break mixing blood with sweat.
- Jesus concerned for *disciples*—how they will react when he is taken away and crucified.

# arrest Jesus

# "You come in your hour and power of darkness."

Why come out with a big show of force?

- Jewish Temple guard Romans allowed for keeping peace in the temple (Lk 22:52).
- Sway public opinion. Jesus is dangerous and a threat to Roman rule.
   Cleansing of the temple???arrest

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Irregularities about the Arrest (From Jewish point of view)

- Illegal to arrest someone in the middle of the night.
- Paying a traitor for testimony was forbidden (Lev 19).

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• No legal mandate or charges sustained to warrant arrest.