

A PLACE CALLED GETHSEMANE

Dear Prayer Partners,

This **Sunday (11/17)** we turn our attention to **Luke 22:39-53**.

Jesus and His disciples had just finished the Passover meal. Afterwards, they left the room and went to the garden of Gethsemane. Gethsemane means “*olive press*”. It was a grove of olive trees where Jesus had made it His custom to come to commune with His Father.

Luke calls it “*the place*” (Luke 22:40). His words emphasized that Jesus had made it His habit and custom to come to that grove of olive trees. His prayer life was very important to Him. It was “*the place*” He received comfort, strength, and instruction.

Luke especially liked to focus on Jesus’ prayer life. Repeatedly through his Gospel, he detailed the when, where, how and why Jesus made prayer a priority.

It was no accident that Jesus had chosen Gethsemane as “*the place*”.

It was there that He would fully submit to His Father’s plan of salvation. And, It had been determined long before the foundation of the world.

It was “*the place*” where He would completely submit His will to the will of God.

It was “*the place*” where He would agonize in prayer, dealing with the most severe spiritual warfare known to man.

It was “*the place*” where an angel was dispatched, from Heaven, to strengthen Him

It was “*the place*” where He would instruct His disciples to follow His example of consistent and persistent prayer.

It was “*the place*” where He would give Judas one last opportunity to repent.

It was “*the place*” He would willingly surrender Himself to those who would crucify Him.

It was “*the place*” that began the fulfillment of the prophecies concerning His death and resurrection.

Finally, it was “*the place*” that His “*victory over sin and death*” and “*our salvation*” was assured.

Do you have “*a place*” where you can meet with your Lord on a daily basis?

Please invite as many as you can (Sunday, 10:00 am). **Time is short. Jesus is coming** and the **harvest is plentiful**.

Hope to see you,

BE BLESSED,
Pastor