



The Kingdom Consummated

"Nevertheless" - Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

Sunday, March 3/24 --- Matthew 26:36-46

Sermon Outline:

Jesus: Fully Human – Fully God (vs 37-39, 45)

³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me."

³⁹ And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed . . .

⁴⁵ . . . See, the hour is at hand, and the **Son of Man** is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

Jesus: A Perfect Example of a Surrendered Life (39, 42, 44)

³⁹ . . . "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."

⁴² Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

Jesus: An Intimate & Loving Friend (vs. 36-38, 40-41, 44, 46)

³⁶ Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray."

³⁷ And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled.

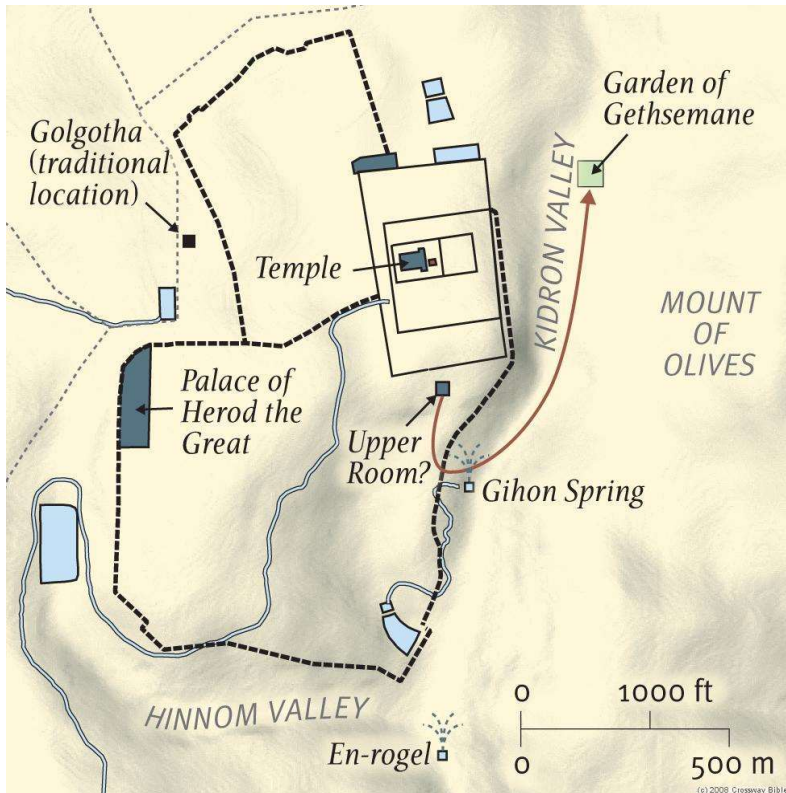
⁴⁰ And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "**So, could you not watch with me one hour?**

⁴¹ Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

⁴⁶ Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."



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Matthew 6:7-13 (CSBBible)

⁷ When you pray,
don't babble like the Gentiles,
since they imagine they'll be heard
for their many words.

⁸ Don't be like them, because
your Father knows the things you need
before you ask him.

⁹ "Therefore, you should pray like this:
Our Father in heaven,
your name be honored as holy.

¹⁰ **Your kingdom come.**

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ **And do not bring us into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.**

Discussion Questions:

1. Share a story of how God comforted you in sorrow. How has that experience helped you to become a better comforter of others (i.e. to extend the comfort God has given you)?
2. What's amazing to you about Jesus' attitude in this passage?
3. In what areas of your life do you need to say "God, Your will be done?"
4. When have you experienced the loving rebuke of God? How did you respond?
5. What have you learned about being victorious over temptation?
6. How can you be a better friend this week to someone who is going through a difficult time?

Application:

This week, connect with a friend who is going through a difficult season. Take time to listen to them and then offer to pray for them. If possible, pray with them in that moment.

If you're interested, sign up for our Seder meal on Wed, March 27th.