

## Week 5: The Garden Jesus: The Price of God's Will

*Mark 14:32-38*

### A. The Garden Scene

*"They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to His disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.' He took Peter, James and John along with Him, and He began to be deeply distressed and troubled. 'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,' He said to them. 'Stay here and keep watch.'"* Mark 14:32-34 (NIV)

1. Gethsemane is located on the Mount of Olives.
2. The garden scene represents spiritual actions we need to take in the face of our future temptations:
  - a. Watch (Awareness)
  - b. Pray (Submission)

The disciples were to watch in order to see temptation coming and to pray in order to be prepared when it came.

3. Jesus' order of actions: Seek God for the answer and seek friends for their presence and prayer.

### B. A Conflict of God's Will

*"Going a little farther, He fell to the ground and prayed that, if possible, the hour might pass from Him. 'Abba, Father,' He said, 'everything is possible for You. Take this cup from Me. Yet not what I will, but what You will.'"*

*Mark 14:35-36 (NIV)*

1. Jesus' posture showed His humility.
  - a. He got alone with God.
  - b. He fell to the ground in agony.
  - c. He knew the request was possible.  
*"Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'"* Matthew 19:26 (NIV)
2. Jesus wanted God to choose another way.
  - a. The request was not to substitute.
  - b. The request was not to stop redemption.
  - c. The request was not to stop the pain.
  - d. The request was to take away the need for God's wrath and separation from His Abba!

*"Awake, awake! Rise up, Jerusalem, you who have drunk from the hand of the Lord the cup of His wrath, you who have drained to its dregs the goblet that makes people stagger." Isaiah 51:17 (NIV)*

3. Jesus exhibited childlike faith.

*"And He said, 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'"* Matthew 18:3 (NIV)

### C. A Conflict of Our Wills

*"Then He returned to His disciples and found them sleeping. 'Simon,' He said to Peter, 'are you asleep? Couldn't you keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.'"* Mark 14:37-38 (NIV)

1. By nature, we all want things our way.

*"We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." Isaiah 53:6 (NIV)*

2. By Christ we submit to His way.

*"Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; may Your good Spirit lead me on level ground." Psalm 143:10 (NIV)*

3. The struggle is in the small, it starts there.  
*"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much." Luke 16:10 (NIV)*

### D. Takeaways from the Garden Scene

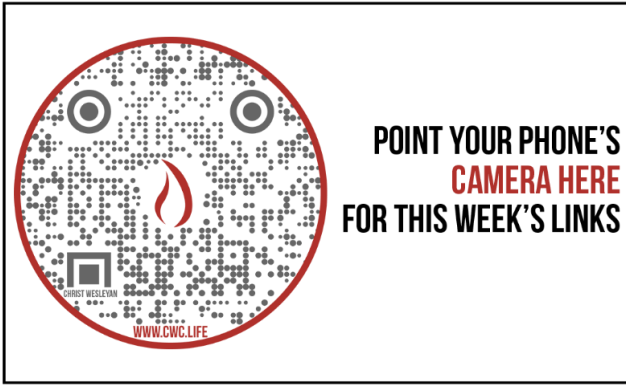
1. What is one small act that you can show God you submit to His will?
2. What does your posture of prayer and submission look like?
3. Do you have a spot where you can withdraw?
4. Do you believe that God is truly in control?

*"The Father's hand will never cause His child a needless tear."*

**Bottom Line: Keeping watch and praying are the postures to surrendering our fleshly desires. (The price of God's will.)**

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**Next Sunday:**  
**Outlaws of 33A.D.:**  
**Criminals, Traitors, and an Unjust Execution.**  
**Week 6: The Crucified Jesus**  
**“The Price of Redemption”**



**Giving and Attendance Update**

**Giving last Sunday: 93%**

**Giving year to date: 89.1%**

**Last Sunday's attendance: 1,981**

**Salvations to date: 204/ Baptisms to date: 36**