### TRADITIONAL VIEW OF HOLY WEEK

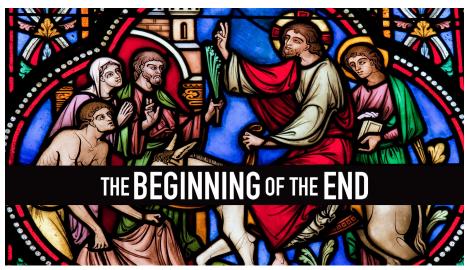
Sat	Palm Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Good Friday	<b>Sat</b> Sabbath	Easter Sun
	Rides into Jerusa- lem as king	Teach	Teach	Teach	Teach & Last Supper	Tried and Crucified	In the Tomb	Risen Appears to followers
Sab- bath				Spy Wednes day	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday & Pass- over	

### **ANOTHER VIEW OF HOLY WEEK**

Sat	Palm Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Good Friday	<b>Sat</b> Sabbath	Easter Sun
Rides into Jerusa- lem as king	Teach	Teach	Teach & Last Supper	Tried and Crucified	In the Tomb	In the Tomb	In the Tomb	Appears to followers
Sab- bath				Day of Preparat ion	Pass- over	Feast of Un- leaved Bread	Rises after 6 p.m.	

### **WALK THE TALK**

- 1. What was the most interesting part of this text and why?
- 2. What did you learn or remember about prayer?
- 3. Why is this "the hour of darkness?"
- 4. What was your best thought or lesson from this study?



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### TWO LESSONS FOR THIS SERIES:

- 1. Even in the last HOURS of His life before the cross, Jesus was INTENTIONAL about fulfilling His Father's plan.
  - 2. Although this is the beginning of the END of Jesus' life, it is also the end of many OTHER things that are VERY important.

#### THE BACKDROP

- 1. Jesus and the disciples had COMPLETED the Passover service and were LEAVING the upper room.
- 2. They walked about a MILE to the Mount of Olives and entered a garden called "GETHSEMANE"

John 18:1 When he had finished praying, Jesus left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was a garden, and he and his disciples went into it.

Matt. 26:36 Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

(Hebrew gat shemanim, "oil press")

### THE LESSONS ON PRAYER

Luke 22:39 Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. 40 On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." 41 He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, 42 "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours

be done." 43 An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. 44 And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.45 When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. 46 "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

## What do we learn from the disciples' prayer time?

- 1. They were given the FOCUS of prayer.
- 2. They were exhausted from SORROW.
- 3. They were still EXPECTED to PRAY about temptation.

# What do we learn from the Jesus' prayer time?

1. It was INTENTIONAL.

Luke 22:40 On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation."

2. It was PRIVATE (between Jesus and the Father).

Luke 22:41 He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed,

3. It was SPECIFIC (knelt down, face to the ground) - one REQUEST — this cup.

Luke 22:42 "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; . . .

Matt. 20:22 "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?"

4. It was SUBMISSIVE.

Luke 22:42 . . . yet not my will, but yours be done."

5. It was REPETITIVE (to a point).

Luke 22:44 And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, . . .

6. It was INTENSE — anguish, earnestly, drops of blood.

Luke 22:44 And being in anguish, (ἀγωνία agōnia) he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops (θρόμβος thrombos) of blood falling to the ground

## The Response to Jesus' Prayer

An ANGEL from heaven strengthened JESUS — Where do we see angels appearing in the Gospels?

Luke 22:43 An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. Matt. 4:11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

— Although angels are referenced in the Gospels, they ONLY appear at the BIRTH of Jesus, at His DEATH, and at His two TEMPTATIONS.

### THE KISS OF JUDAS

Luke 22:47 While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, 48 but Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" 49 When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?" 50 And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. 51 But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And he touched the man's ear and healed him.

1. Judas KNEW where to FIND Jesus.

Luke 22:39 Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, . . .

- 2. Luke calls the arrestors "a CROWD." It contained the chief priests, OFFICERS of the temple, elders and a Roman COHORT of soldiers. Estimates suggest there was a range of 400 to 800 people involved in the ARREST.
- 3. Judas used a prearranged SIGN to identify Jesus. This "KISS" is a middle-eastern sign of affection and FRIENDSHIP. It is the ULTIMATE traitorous act.
- 4. The disciples asked if they should ATTACK. Since Jesus didn't respond immediately, they TRIED using their swords. After cutting off the ear of a SERVANT, Jesus stopped them and HEALED the man's ear.

### THE HOUR OF DARKNESS

Luke 22:52 Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? 53 Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour—when darkness reigns."

- 1. Jesus confronted the HYPOCRISY and FEAR of His arrestors by asking why this was not done in daylight and in PUBLIC.
  - Swords Roman SOLDIERS
  - Clubs Temple GUARD
  - 2. Jesus told the crowd that this was their "HOUR," but that "spiritual DARKNESS" was coming to an end.

Luke 1:79 to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death,
Acts 2:22 "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man
accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among
you through him, as you yourselves know. 23 This man was handed over to you
by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men,
put him to death by nailing him to the cross.