

The Garden of Gethsemane: Luke 22:39-54

Gethsemane

³⁹Jesus left and went out to the Mount of Olives, as was his custom. His disciples followed him. ⁴⁰When he reached the place, he told them, "Keep praying that you may not enter into temptation."

⁴¹He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, ⁴²"Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours be done."

⁴³An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. ⁴⁴As he was in agony, he prayed more fervently. His sweat became like great drops of blood falling to the ground.

⁴⁵When he rose from prayer, he went to the disciples and found them sleeping as a result of sorrow. ⁴⁶He said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and keep praying so that you may not enter into temptation."

Jesus' Arrest

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd appeared, and the man called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He came near to Jesus to kiss him. ⁴⁸But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

⁴⁹When those who were around him saw what was about to happen, they said to him, "Lord, should we strike with a sword?" ⁵⁰Then one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

⁵¹But Jesus responded, "Stop! No more of this!" Then he touched the servant's ear and healed him. ⁵²Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come out against him, "Have you come out as you would against a robber, with swords and clubs? ⁵³Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour—when darkness rules."

⁵⁴Then they seized him, led him away, and brought him into the high priest's house.

How do you know Jesus is man?

How do you know Jesus is God?

Think about Jesus' in the Garden, and what we are taught in the Catechism about these two petitions of the Lord's Prayer.

Sixth Petition of the Lord's Prayer

Lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean?

God surely tempts no one to sin, but we pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us, so that devil, the world, and our flesh may not deceive us or lead us into false belief despair, and other great and shameful sins; and though we are tempted by them, we pray that we may overcome and win the victory.

Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean?

God's good and gracious will certainly is done without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's will done?

God's will is done when he breaks and defeats every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world and our sinful flesh, which try to prevent us from keeping God's name holy and letting his kingdom come. And God's will is done when he strengthens and keeps us firm in his Word and in the faith as long as we live. This is his good and gracious will.

Go To Dark Gethsemane (CW 104:1)

“Go to dark Gethsemane
All who feel the tempter’s power;
Your Redeemer’s conflict see.
Watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from his griefs away;
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.”