

The Passion of the Christ Movie and Study – Week 1 of 7

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane and is Arrested!

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General Information:

- Schedule: Saturdays 3:00; Sundays 10:30
- 6th grade and older are welcome to attend!
- *Caution!* The movie is brutal, *but it does portray what Jesus endured for us all!*
- Let us realize the terrible reality of sin *and greatly rejoice in God's gift of salvation!*
- This study will conclude on Palm Sunday and *be excellent preparation for Holy Week!*

A Summary of our 7-Week Study (*The 119-minute movie will be viewed in seven 17-minute segments*):

- 1: *Jesus Prays in Gethsemane and is Arrested!*
- 2: *Jesus is Tried by the Sanhedrin; Peter's Denial; Judas' Death!*
- 3: *Jesus Before Pilate, Herod, and Pilate!*
- 4: *Jesus is Beaten and Condemned!*
- 5: *Jesus' Journey to Golgotha!*
- 6: *Jesus is Crucified; One Criminal is Saved!*
- 7: *Jesus' Speaks, Dies, is Buried, and is Raised!*

Today's Movie Clip! (00:00 – 16:13)

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane (*Matt. 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:39-46*):

^{NIV} **Matthew 26:36-38** 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." He took Peter and **the two sons of Zebedee** along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "**My soul is overwhelmed** with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

1. Name the two sons of Zebedee (Matt. 4:21): _____
2. Why was Jesus' soul overwhelmed? (Matt. 20:18-19) _____

³⁹ Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is

possible, **may this cup be taken from me.** Yet not as I will, but **as you will.**"

3. In your own words, what was Jesus requesting? _____
4. Jesus was willing to do *whatever*, if it was the Father's will. Is that the desire of your heart? Y N (2 Cor. 5:15)

⁴⁰⁻⁴¹ Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. "**Watch and pray** so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

5. "To **watch** is to be ready in advance, and to **pray** is to receive from God the help needed in the critical hour" (Lenski, 1041).

⁴² He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."

⁴³⁻⁴⁴ When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

6. Why did Jesus pray the same thing *three different times*? _____

⁴⁵⁻⁴⁶ Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

Flashback to Judas' Betrayal (*Matt. 26:14-16; Mark 14:10-11; Luke 22:3-6*):

^{NIV} **Matthew 26:14-16** Then one of the Twelve--the one called Judas Iscariot--went to the chief priests and asked, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" So they counted out for him thirty silver coins. From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

7. The deal between Judas Iscariot and the chief priests was probably made on *what day* of Holy Week? _____
8. During *what part of most Divine Services* do we mention Jesus' betrayal?

(Not in the Bible) **Satan Tempting Jesus to Not go through with His Mission:**

9. As Satan tempted Eve to doubt God's Word (Genesis 3:1-7), so he tried to tempt Jesus to do the same.
10. Though Jesus was tempted, in whom did He continue to trust? _____
Even Job declared: "**Though He slay me, I will hope in Him**" (Job 13:15 NAS).
11. Satan told Jesus that *no one man* can save the souls of all people. Why was Satan wrong; *what is different about Jesus?* (John 1:1, 14) _____
12. In response to Jesus' prayer, Satan said: Who is your Father? *Did Satan know that Jesus is the Son of God?* Y N
13. What form did Satan take in the Garden of Eden? (Gen. 3:1; Rev. 12:9) _____

14. God spoke these words to Satan in the Garden of Eden: ^{NIV} **Genesis 3:15** "And I will put enmity [hostility] between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

In the movie, Jesus *physically* crushed the head of the serpent in Gethsemane; however, He *spiritually* crushed the head of the serpent *through His death for our sins* (Hebrews 2:14).

Judas and the Guards Arrive (Matt. 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-52; Luke 22:47-53; *John 18:1-11*):

^{NAS} **John 18:1-3** When Jesus had spoken these words, He went forth with His disciples over the ravine of the Kidron, where there was a garden, into which He Himself entered, and His disciples. Now Judas also, who was betraying Him, knew the place; for Jesus had often met there with His disciples. Judas then, having received **the Roman cohort**, and **officers from the chief**

priests and the Pharisees, came there with lanterns and torches and weapons.

15. How large was the crowd? A "cohort" normally refers to 600 men, plus there were officers from the chief priests and Pharisees; so, *the crowd was very large!*

⁴⁻⁶ Jesus therefore, knowing all the things that were coming upon Him, went forth, and said to them, "**Whom do you seek?**" They answered Him, "Jesus the Nazarene." He said to them, "**I am He.**" And Judas also who was betraying Him, was standing with them. When therefore He said to them, "**I am He,**" **they drew back, and fell to the ground.**

16. Why did the large crowd *draw back and fall to the ground* when Jesus said: "**I am He**"?

- a. Though Jesus did not *always* or fully use His divine powers in His state of humiliation, He may have done so when He said: "**I am he.**"
- b. What is *God's name*? ^{NIV} **Exodus 3:14** God said to Moses, "**I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'**"

"Jesus applied the phrase to himself; in so doing he claimed to be God and risked being stoned for blasphemy" (CSSB, Exodus 3:14).

^{NIV} **John 8:58-59** "**I tell you the truth,**" Jesus answered, "**before Abraham was born, I am!**" At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself...

- c. In the Gospel of John Jesus said of Himself: I am...
 - i. 6:35 – the _____ of life.
 - ii. 8:12 – the _____ of the world.
 - iii. 10:7 – the _____ for the sheep.
 - iv. 10:11 – the _____.

- v. 11:25 – the _____ and the _____.
- vi. 14:6 – the _____ and the _____...
- vii. 15:1 – the true _____...

⁷⁻⁹ Again therefore He asked them, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus the Nazarene.” Jesus answered, “I told you that I am He; if therefore you seek Me, let these go their way,” that the word might be fulfilled which He spoke, “Of those whom Thou hast given Me I lost not one [John 6:39].”

17. Why didn't the men fall again? Jesus wanted the Father's will to be done, so – *at times* – He did not use His Divine power; *Jesus allowed the men to arrest Him!*

¹⁰ Simon Peter therefore having a sword, drew it, and struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear; and the slave's name was Malchus.

18. Would you have been tempted to react like Peter? Why or why not? _____

¹¹ Jesus therefore said to Peter, “Put the sword into the sheath; the cup which the Father has given Me, shall I not drink it?”

19. Jesus' response to Peter may remind you of this incident: ^{NIV} **Matthew 16:21-23** From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!” Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.”

Let us not be like Peter, fighting the will of God, but let us constantly seek it and

follow it – *confident that God's will is always best!*

20. What did Jesus do for Malchus? (Luke 22:51) _____

Jesus practiced what He preached: ^{NIV} **Matthew 5:44** “But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...” (See Ephesians 5:1-2)

21. Though what happened to Jesus was terrible, *it was the Father's way of saving us from our sins!* (See Acts 2:23)

(Not in the Bible) Jesus and Judas Come Face to Face with Each Other, a Devil / Demon is Present:

This passage makes a connection between *Judas* and *Satan*: ^{NIV} **Luke 22:1-4** Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some way to get rid of Jesus, for they were afraid of the people. **Then Satan entered Judas**, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus. (Also, John 13:21-28)

Let Us Heed God's Warning in regard to the Devil: ^{NIV} **1 Peter 5:8** Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

Next Week's Lesson: *Jesus is Tried by the Sanhedrin; Peter's Denial; Judas' Death!*