



# PITWM VERSE BY VERSE MATTHEW 26:36-50

**LESSON: SUBMITTING TO THE FATHER'S WILL** — March 26, 2023

## INTRODUCTION:

**JESUS PREPARES HIS DISCIPLES FOR WHAT WILL HAPPEN (MOUNT OF OLIVES)**

**CHAPTER 26** *31 Then saith Jesus unto them...*

- Verses 31-32 - There is the prediction**—*All shall fall away.* Not a single one will stand fast. Why?
  - "All ye shall be offended because of Me!"* The word *"offended"* means to stumble, to fall.
    - Men stumble over who Christ is (Jh.6:54-58, 60, 66).
    - Men stumble over the Cross of Christ (1Cor.1:21-23).
    - Men stumble over the Cross God call them to bear (Lk.9:23). *"And he said to them all, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me."*
  - The disciples would be offended because Christ was rejected.** Yes, He was rejected by the crowd, but behind the scenes in the invisible world, God smote the Shepherd; that is, God put Christ to death (Zech.13:7). Christ had to die. He had to give His life for man if man was to be saved. (Also read Zech.13:8-9).
  - God gives us a remedy.** It is the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God raised Him from the dead!
- Verses 33-35 – There is the claim of over-confidence**—Peter's over confidence was caused by four things: *"Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended."*
  - By comparing himself with others.** Peter saw the flaws in others, but not himself; was over confident.
  - By being blind to the cross.** Peter just couldn't see Christ on the cross.
  - By not knowing his own personal, fleshly weaknesses.** Peter didn't know how many times his flesh would fail him, for he saw himself as strong.
  - By contradicting Christ instead of listening to Him.** Peter's gong-ho spirit failed to count the cost of His Master!

## POINT:

**Romans 3:23** *"For all have sinned, and (All) come short of the glory of God."* Falling and stumbling are the way of human flesh. One falls in a particular area; another falls in another area. The difference is that one confesses and repents in their heart, and the other does not. And many don't even acknowledge the need to repent.

**Poverbs 16:18** *"Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty sprit before a fall."* We are not to compare ourselves with others, **Galatians 6:2** says *"We are to bear ye one another's burdens."* There are no big I's or little no u's.

## LESSON:

### I. FIRST PRAYER MATTHEW 26:36-41

**26:36** Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. Jesus and His disciples have come into the Garden of Gethsemane for the purpose of praying. *"Gethsemane"* means olive press; a lush garden east of the city near the slopes of the Mount of Olives. And Jesus says, *"sit here while I go on ahead and pray."*

**26:37** And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. The three disciples Jesus had taken with Him were Peter and the two sons of Zebedee (James and John). Now as Jesus went to pray, His disciples were to also pray, for Jesus began to be very sorrowful, filled with anguish and despair, feeling very heavy with agonizing pain in such a beautiful garden. It was for the sins of the whole world.

**26: 38** Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. The **First time** Jesus goes to pray. Jesus' pain was extremely sorrowful, excruciating, even having the feeling of



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physical death upon Him. Jesus suffered. He suffered for the whole world. There was mental emotional agony, and excessive strain and pressure upon Him. What is it like to bear the judgment and condemnation for all the sins ever committed by mankind for all the world? But He told His disciples to tarry, wait, and watch with me. Jesus is teaching us that we still need each other to help bear a weight that's too heavy to carry alone. Jesus had already warned them that they would fall away.

**26:39 And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.** It was a struggle as Jesus went a little farther falling on His face prostrate with flowing tears, He prays to the Father, asking *"if it be possible to let this cup pass from Him"*, that it might be taken away, referring to His suffering that would take place on the cross—the wrath of God against sin.

1. The cup is called *"the cup of the Lord's fury."*
2. The cup is associated with suffering and God's wrath.
3. The cup is also associated with salvation.

And Jesus wants the Father to help Him in the weakness of His flesh. The Father is the One who is able to save Him from death. The Father heard Him because of Jesus' godly fear and holy reverence unto the Father, and the Father spoke what needed to be revealed to Jesus. And Jesus says, *"Nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt."* In this battle, God gave Him strength in the Garden, so that He could go to the cross and die. Jesus surrendered His Will to the Father!

**26:40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?—** Jesus comes back to His disciples and find out that they weren't really praying with Him or for Him, nor for themselves in this great trial that was about to take place for the both of them. They were asleep, and Jesus asked Peter one question: *'Could ye not watch with me one hour?'* Could you not lift me up; stand in the gap?

**26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.** Jesus then gave them a warning: 'Watch and pray that you don't enter into temptation.' Watchfulness sees, and praying prepares. They were to watch in order to see temptation coming (that was for them). And they were to pray in order to be prepared when temptation struck (that's life). Jesus' second warning: 'The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' The point is: drowsiness and slumber of the flesh were stronger than the spirit. But prayer places God in the fight for those unexpected tempting struggles.

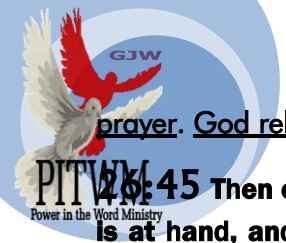
## II. SECOND PRAYER MATTHEW 26:42-43

**26:42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.** Jesus then goes a second time to pray about the same thing, but this time it's a little different—it's an assurance in His Spirit; it's a surrender of His flesh: *"O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done."* Sometimes we have to repeat what God is telling us till our flesh dies to our Will and it's received; or till it gets into our heart; or till I receive the release of it to walk it out through faith, and thank God that His Will be done. That's what counts in the end. God's Will is done!

**26:43 And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy.** Jesus comes back. They just could not keep their eyes open to pray.

## III. THIRD PRAYER MATTHEW 26:44-46

**26:44 And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.** Jesus then goes a third time to pray about the same thing. That's the thing about prayer. You've got to get a release about what you're praying about. Sometimes it stays upon your heart because God has the answer, but how long are you going to linger in prayer with God to get your release? Jesus needed that release, and He shows us that there are going to be times that we will have to persevere in prayer. Will we settle with what God wants, instead of what we desire. God did not give Jesus what He asked for. God did not remove the cup. Jesus had to drink the cup. Note: God answered His



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prayer. God relieved the agony and strengthened Him to bear the cup.

**26:45** Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, **Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.** The final time Jesus comes back to His disciples, He has the release He had been seeking and praying about. He even tells His disciples to sleep on and take their rest. We pray before a conflict to get ready for it. We're not praying in the midst of the battle, but before the battle takes place, that our faith will stand, and to get the proper answer from God. It's like taking a test. We study before the test, not during the test. Jesus says "Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners." Sinners were coming to arrest the Perfect Man. This meant He had courage to go through. He had courage to lay down His life. He had courage to face the cup of the Lord's fury!

**26:46** Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me. Jesus' Spirit was on point. He even knew when the enemy was coming, where he was, and who he was. He had no agony, no desperation, but He was relieved and strengthened ready to face the suffering necessary to secure the salvatio of man.

## IV. BETRAYAL MATTHEW 26:47-50

**26:47** And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. Just as Jesus had said, His betrayal of sinners have come in a manner of minuets while He was yet speaking with His disciples. There he is, Judas, one of the twelve with a great multitude armed with swords and staves, sent from the chief priests and elders of the people—the people who should have received Jesus, the religious leaders rejected Him. It is still worst today than back then—the rejection of Jesus!

**26:48** Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast. Judas had a plan to give the people a sign as to who Jesus was. He betayed Jesus with a kiss. When the people sees whomever he kiss, they would know who to take and hold Him.

**26:49** And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kussed him. Therefore Judas carried out his plan and led them straight to Jesus saying, "Hail, master; and kissed Him."

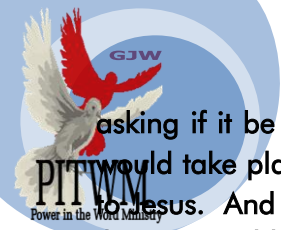
- How many profess Christ and yet plan to steal, lie, and cheat—sin?
- How many profess loyalty to Christ and yet plan to give their allegiance to someone else?
- How many profess Christ and yet just like Judas plan to serve our own self-interest?

We betary Christ and decive others, by saying Jesus is my Master!

**26:50** And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus and took him. So, here Jesus called Judas friend and asked 'Why have you come?' This was a stunning question to cause Judas to think about. He came like he was a loyal committed disciple, calling Him Master, and giving Him a kiss. The question was to arouse a searching conviction within Judas' heart. This was the time to come clean and repent. This is a question for any of us. *Why have you come?*—to Jesus Christ; to church. Well, the great multitude with swords and staves, sent from the chief priests and elders of the people came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him.

## SUMMARY:

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asking if it be possible to let this cup pass from Him, that it might be taken away, referring to His suffering that would take place on the cross—the wrath of God against sin. Then the Father spoke what needed to be revealed to Jesus. And Jesus says, *"Nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou will."* God gave Him strength in the Garden, so that He could go to the cross and die. Jesus surrendered His Will to the Father! **40** Jesus comes back to His disciples and find out that they weren't really praying, but asleep. Jesus asked Peter one question: *'Could ye not watch with me one hour?'* **41** Jesus then gave them a warning: *'Watch and pray that you don't enter into temptation.'* Why? *'The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.'* **The point is:** at this point, drowsiness and slumber of the flesh were stronger than the spirit. But prayer places God in the fight for those unexpected tempting struggles (26:36-41).

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**47** *"And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people."* **48** Judas had a plan to give the people a sign as to who Jesus was. He betrayed Jesus with a kiss. And when the people sees whomever he kiss, they would know who to take and hold Him. **49** Therefore Judas carried out his plan and led them straight to Jesus saying, *"Hail, master; and kissed Him."* **50** So, here Jesus called Judas friend and asked *'Why have you come?'* his was a stunning question to cause Judas to think about. Well, the great multitude with swords and staves, sent from the chief priests and elders of the people came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him (26:47-50).



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