



*JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS #71*

Matthew 26:36-46, p. 1058

1. What did Jesus ask his disciples to do in v. 36? What did he ask Peter, James and John to do in v. 38? What was Jesus wanting from them? Did they do what he asked them (v. 40, 43, 45)?
2. How bad was Jesus feeling when he came to Gethsemane? How does the text describe his state of mind? What does Jesus do with these overwhelming feelings?
3. What are the things that stand out to you as you look at Jesus praying in v. 39 – about how he prayed, what he said, etc.?
4. How was Jesus' prayer answered?

5. What does Jesus tell the disciples to do in v. 41? How well did they do that (v. 43, 45)? What was the result (v. 51-56)?
6. What are the implications of the fact that Jesus prays this prayer two more times? Are there any changes in the language of his prayer as he repeats it? (v. 39, 42, 44)

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7. What do you find noteworthy in the description of who comes to Gethsemane to arrest Jesus (v. 47)?
8. How are we to understand the interaction between Judas and Jesus in v. 48-50?
9. What situations in our lives and world might tempt us to defend Jesus like Peter did in v. 51? What can we learn from Jesus' response in v. 52-53 about these situations?
10. What does Jesus emphasize by his words in v. 54 and 56?

*THE HOUR IN DARK GETHSEMANE #76*