

The Journey to Gethsemane

Lesson aim: To examine the longings of Jesus' heart near His death as reflected in His prayers for His disciples and Himself

Jesus' prayer for His disciples and all who would believe through them--Jn. 17:1-26

1. *In what way had Jesus glorified the Father on earth? What glory did He now seek?*
2. *What things had Jesus accomplished during His ministry on earth?*
3. *What did Jesus pray for His disciples and those who believe through them?*
4. *Has this prayer been answered? Give reasons for your answer.*

Second prediction of Peter's denial--Mt. 26:30-35; (Mk. 14:26-31; Lk. 22:39-40; Jn. 18:1)

1. *What word of warning did Jesus give to the disciples on their journey to Gethsemane? What Scripture would be fulfilled through them?*
2. *What hopeful word did Jesus give them?*
3. *How did Peter react to the prediction of Jesus? Was he alone in this? What prediction did Jesus make about Peter in particular?*

**Jesus' three agonizing prayers in Gethsemane--Mt. 26:36-46;
(Mk. 14:32-42; Lk. 22:40-46)**

- 1. How did Jesus urge the disciples to prepare for the events about to occur? How did they react to His urgings?*
- 2. Describe the emotions that Jesus felt as He contemplated the cross. What was His prayer to the Father?*
- 3. Did God hear and answer Jesus' prayer? What was the answer?*
- 4. What important principle did Jesus teach His disciples in response to their sleeping?*

Research challenge:



The suffering of Jesus included a rare condition of "sweat as great drops of blood" falling from him. Is it possible to confirm from a physiological perspective such a condition existing among men; and if so, what is the reason for this condition?