

This week...

** As you use this week's guide, please also read the verses from your version of the Bible.*

Monday Mark 14:32 “*And they come to a place of which the name is Gethsemane (oil press),*” -Darby

If you have access to the Internet or an illustrated Bible dictionary or encyclopedia, find Gethsemane. Notice it's location in regards to Jerusalem, and spend time meditating on the disciples' early morning trek to that place. Also explore how often Jesus and others visited the area of Gethsemane (Mount of Olives) and what occurred on those visits.

Tuesday Mark 14:32-33 “*and he says to his disciples, Sit here while I shall pray. And he takes with him Peter and James and John,*” -Darby

Why do you think Jesus left eight of the disciples at the gate? Find all references to the trio Peter, James, and John and explore why these were singled out each time. How did they relate with one another in each instance? What are some thoughts to why Jesus mentioned these so often, and does it have any bearing on the later New Testament references to these three apostles?

Wednesday Mark 14:33-34 “*and he began to be amazed and oppressed in spirit. And he says to them, My soul is full of grief even unto death; abide here and watch.*” -Darby

Explore “*amazed and oppressed*” in some other versions or translations of the New Testament. What do the terms mean? What might have gone through the disciples' minds as they witnessed the deep grief that Jesus expressed? When have you ever experienced something similar, and how did you handle it? What were the effects of such emotions afterward?

Thursday Mark 14:35-41 “*And, going forward a little, he fell upon the earth; and he prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass away from him. And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible to thee: take away this cup from me; but not what I will, but what thou wilt. And he comes and finds them sleeping. And he says to Peter, Simon, dost thou sleep? Hast thou not been able to watch one hour? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh weak. And going away, he prayed again, saying the same thing. And returning, he found them again sleeping, for their eyes were heavy; and they knew not what they should answer him. And he comes the third time and says to them, Sleep on now, and take your rest.*” -Darby

What is the “hour” Jesus wants to pass away from Him? What can be learned about prayer from Jesus' prayer in these verses? Is this same spirit and attitude something a believer can realistically experience? Why is the sleep of the disciples referenced so much here, and what is so important about this?

Friday Mark 14:41-42 “*It is enough; the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is delivered up into the hands of sinners. Arise, let us go; behold, he that delivers me up has drawn nigh.*” -Darby

What hour has come? What is significant about Jesus' use of the words “*Son of man*” in this context, and who or what is delivering Jesus up? What does this verse mean to you today?