

# Luke 22:39-54



Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives,  
and his disciples followed him.



Routine - safety – seclusion - recharge  
Spiritual practice without going through the motions  
Jesus wasn't going into hiding !

On reaching the place, he said to them,  
"Pray that you will not fall (enter) into temptation."



Pray for protection

**What temptation was Jesus warning them about?**

**It's not a sin to be tempted**

But to 'fall into' We need protection from being overwhelmed

He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."

**Why the distance?**

**We see Jesus'  
humanity and submission  
to the Father**

**This cup?**



An angel from heaven appeared to him  
and strengthened him.

**How did the angel  
encourage Jesus?**

**Right choice – well done?**



And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly,  
and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.



**Having said “yes”,  
what would he have been praying ?**

**The suffering begins here !**

When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow.

"Why are you sleeping?" he asked them.

"Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation ."



Issue resolved in prayer. Exhausted – What time is it?

*Luke's summary*

**Note:** He does not say “Pray for me” – but for yourselves!

While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them.



Dark ? – Full moon at Passover – but he knows the place  
One but not “one”  
Leading (sinister sound here)

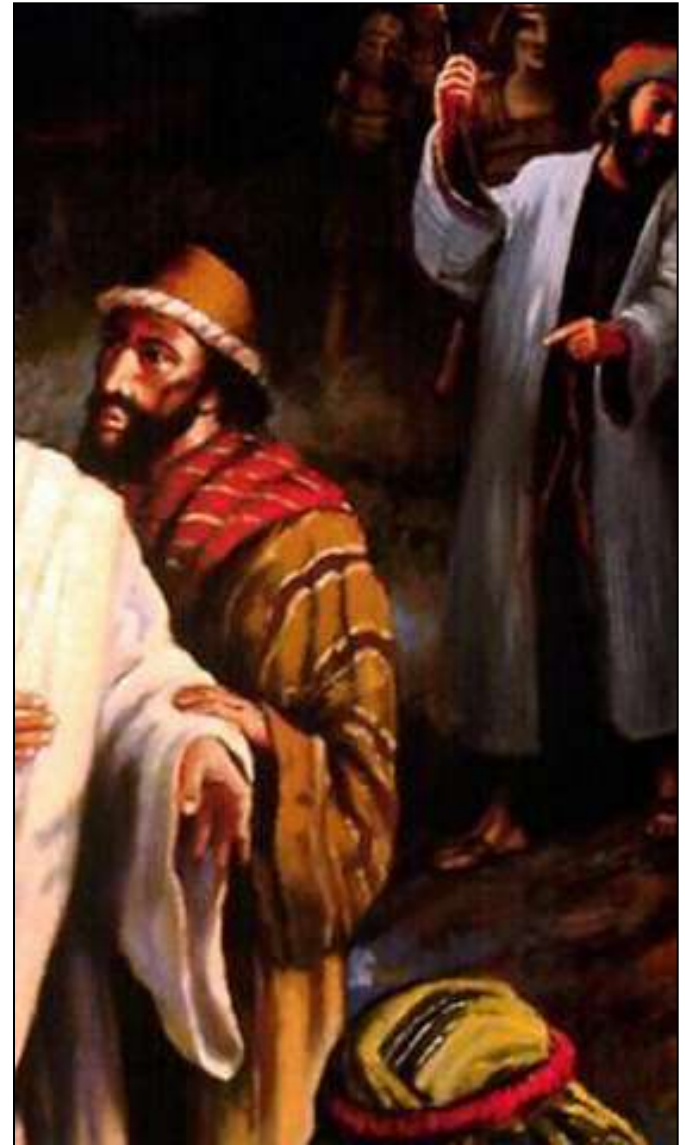


He approached Jesus to kiss him, but Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

The ultimate hypocrisy



The Last Chance ?



When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?" And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.



It's Peter !

Note: the servant goes in front of the High Priest this time

But Jesus answered, "No more of this!"  
And he touched the man's ear and **healed** him.



“Let me go so I can help him.” Power available !  
‘Love your enemies’ in action

Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs?"



This is illegal!  
Challenging their actions

Every day I was with you in the temple courts,  
and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour  
--when darkness reigns."



Cowardly, underhand tactics : SIN exposed !!!  
Who is really in charge of the situation ?  
The permitted hour

Then seizing him, they led him away  
and took him into the house of the high priest.

**The countdown  
to the cross  
begins**

**Led like a lamb  
He will take all this sin  
upon himself !**

**He did all this  
for you !**

