

# Origin

Road to the Cross – part one  
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## The Agony:

### Mark 14:32-42

They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,” he said to them. “Stay here and keep watch.”

Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. “Abba, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Simon,” he said to Peter, “are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.”

Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him.

Returning the third time, he said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

## Gethsemane

- Gethsemane reveals Jesus’ humanity and His astonishing faithfulness to the obligation set before Him.
- Gethsemane means “press of oils.”
- Gethsemane was where Jesus faced the most crucial test of His entire life!
- The words translated “deeply distressed” and “troubled” describe an acute emotion, a compound of bewilderment, fear, uncertain and anxiety - used nowhere else!
  - ⇒ Luke 22:44
- In the Old Testament the “cup” was a metaphor for the wrath of God.
  - ⇒ Psalm 11:6
  - ⇒ Isaiah 51:17,22
  - ⇒ Lamentations 4:21
  - ⇒ Ezekiel 23:32-34
  - ⇒ Mark 10:38-39
- The remarkable thing is that Jesus was willing to submit to the Father’s Will.
- Gethsemane is where Jesus won the battle for mankind.