



I Am A Jesus Follower Because...

Stories of Lived Experiences

Part 8: Three Prayers in Gethsemane

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Three Prayers in Gethsemane

Matthew 26:36-46

“Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.” Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.” Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Couldn’t you men keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter. “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.” When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!””

Events of Gethsemane:

1. Jesus takes the disciples into the garden.
2. Jesus moves ahead with Peter, James and John.
3. Jesus ventures alone.
4. Jesus’ 1st prayer.
5. Jesus finds the disciples sleeping for the 1st time.
6. Jesus’ 2nd prayer.
7. Jesus finds the disciples sleeping for the 2nd time.
8. Jesus’ 3rd prayer.
9. Jesus finds the disciples sleeping for the 3rd time.
10. Jesus is arrested.

3 Prayers in Gethsemane:

1. Jesus’ 1st Prayer.

Matthew 26:39 NIV “Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.””

2. The Disciples’ “Prayer”

2 Samuel 15:30 NIV “But David continued up the Mount of Olives, weeping as he went; his head was covered and he was barefoot. All the people with him covered their heads too and were weeping as they went up.”

3. Jesus' 2nd Prayer

Matthew 26:42 NIV “He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.””

Matthew 26:42 MSG “He then left them a second time. Again he prayed, “My Father, if there is no other way than this, drinking this cup to the dregs, I’m ready. Do it your way.””

Salvation Prayer:

*Dear Jesus: I repent of my sin. Please be my Savior and Lord.
In Jesus' Name, Amen*



24-Hour Prayer