



# PITWM VERSE BY VERSE

## MARK 14:32-52

### LESSON: JESUS PREPARES FOR DEATH— March 22, 2026

#### INTRODUCTION:

**CHAPTER 14:26-31** Jesus and the disciples sung a hymn and went into the Mount of Olives. Jesus told them that all of them shall be offended because He will be betrayed. It's written that the Shepherd will be struck (killed) and the sheep (disciples) will scatter. But Jesus, the Shepherd will rise from the dead and meet them in Galilee. Peter says the others may be offended, but, he will not. However, Jesus corrects him, that even in that day, and even that night, he will deny Jesus three times before the cock crows twice. But, Peter confidently assures Jesus that if he should die with Jesus, he won't deny Him. And all the rest of the disciples confirmed also that they would not deny Him.

#### LESSON:

#### I. MARK 14:32-34

**14:32** And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, **Sit ye here, while I shall pray.** No man could ever understand the depth of sorrow and agony experienced by Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. His experience is the picture of a terrifying struggle—a struggle against sin and the awful judgment which is to fall upon sin. We are looking at the Lord's great need for prayer, and for His friends to be at His side. He and His disciples have come to a place called Gethsemane where there is a very beautiful garden outside the city of Jerusalem. Jesus tells His disciples to sit here while He goes to pray. Well, if Jesus is going to pray, they should be praying also without being told to do so. He's the example!

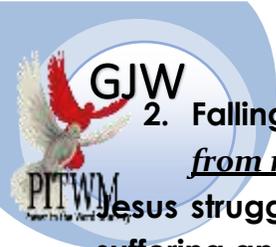
**14:33** And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy;— Do you have certain ones you can count on? Well, Jesus' three were Peter, (who said he would die for Him), James, (His brother), and John (the beloved). This time Jesus' need was greater than before, for He was about to face the cross. His mission on earth began to be sore amazed (terror, bewilderment), and very heavy (painful, distressed, extremely weighty). And in the darkest of hour, friends are ok, but He needed the Father who had led Him every step of the way thus far! Jesus is showing us that there are times when the burden is too hard to bear, you have to go to the source. If you need a Savior, go to Jesus, if you need healing, go to Jesus, if you need a Word, go to Jesus! He answers prayer!

**14:34** And saith unto them, **My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch.** Jesus told them how He was feeling; how it was enduring upon Him—exceedingly sorrowful in His soul unto death. The sorrow and weight were life threatening for in Gethsemane He was facing the loneliness of being all for us. The pressure was swelling up in Him, and He tells the three disciples to tarry (remain; stay), there and watch (be on alert; stay awake; be my look-out)!

#### II. MARK 14:35-36

**14:35** And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. Six things Jesus did and said:

1. Jesus walked a little farther to be alone with the Father in prayer!



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2. Falling to the ground He prayed in agony, *“If it be possible (might you let) this hour pass from me?”*

Jesus struggled in His flesh, in His humanity to see if God could choose another way of His suffering and death that the sins of mankind might pass from Him.

**14:36 And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.** Jesus’ prayer knowing the time was at hand:

3. Jesus prayed *“Abba Father.”*

His cry and plea was to the Father, even knowing that God had determined the path of the cross.

4. Jesus said, *“All things are possible unto God.”*

The request goes to the One who can make all things possible!

5. Jesus said to God *“Tak away this cup from Me.”*

Jesus’ human nature was speaking out, for Jesus knew the Father was able to take the cup or trial away, for He was facing separation from God. He was the sacrificial Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29). He was to bear the judgment of God for the sins of the world by drinking the cup.

- The cup is called the cup of the Lord’s fury (Isaiah 51:17).
- The cup is associated with the suffering and God’s wrath (Ps.11:6; Is.51:17; Lk.22:42).
- The cup is also associated with salvation: *“I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord”* (Psalm 116:3).

6. *“Nevertheless, not My Will, but thy Will be done.”*

It was through Jesus’ surrender of His Will and Spirit that He was the Ideal, Perfect Man to say before God, *“Not My Will, but thy Will be done”*; and say *“It is Finished!”*

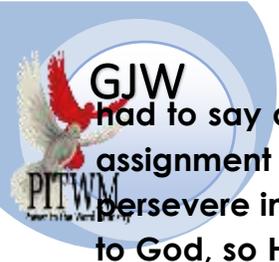
### III. MARK 14:37-42

**14:37 And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour?—** After praying, Jesus comes and finds His disciples asleep. His support group (Peter, James, John) were reprimanded, for they couldn’t even hang for one hour in the gap for Him! Earlier in verse 27 Jesus had told them *“All ye shall be offended because of me this night...and the sheep shall be scattered.”* The 29<sup>th</sup> verse: *“But Peter said...Although all shall be offended, yet will not I.”* Jesus tells Peter about the cock crowing twice, and Peter would deny his Lord three times. We don’t always have it all together. We still fall short.

**14:38 Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.** In the midst of Jesus preparing Himself for His own battle, He still prepares His disciples for the great battle they would be tempted with. Jesus knew the priority to watch and pray; to be prepared so they don’t enter into temptation and that they remember His Word! Watchfulness sees, and Praying prepares. Even though their spirit is willing to go all the way with Jesus, their flesh was weak. Drowsiness and slumber of the flesh had already set in before, and it was stronger than the spirit. But with prayer God can awaken them in the fight of those tempting struggles. They would not be able to die Jesus’ death, for it was accounted only for the Perfect Ideal Man—Jesus, the Son of God!

**14:39 And again he went away, and prayed, and spake the same words.** Jesus said what He





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had to say as He put them on one accord (to watch and pray), and then going back to His assignment to pray, and the disciples were to do the same. He was showing them how to persevere in prayer—continue till breakthrough comes. Note: Jesus had already surrendered to God, so He didn't give up seeking God to strengthen Him in the task. He sought, wrestled, and agonized with God! He spoke the same Words to the Father—"*Nevertheless, not My Will, but thy Will be done.*" Sometimes we've got to say the Word over and over to overcome the flesh, and allow the spirit to bring faith in our lives! Jesus was still battling the flesh. He persevered through prayer! God did not remove the cup. Jesus had to drink the cup. **Note:** God answered His prayer. God relieved the agony and strengthened Him to bear the cup.

**14:40** And when he returned, he found them asleep again, (for their eyes were heavy,) neither wist they what to answer him. Oh Oh, Jesus found them asleep the second time. That's the thing about the heaviness of the eyes, when God shuts the body down with sleep, you can't fight it in a reclined or even a sitting position. God designed our bodies to shut down in tiredness! That was the first temptation of "*the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.*" They really didn't know what to say to Jesus. They couldn't lie. They were caught sleeping on the job.

**14:41** And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Jesus couldn't even rebuke them anymore, for this was the third time He had found them asleep, but there was a calmness in Jesus' voice or tone because He had found relief; a relief of the physical and emotional strain. He bowed to the task assigned. He said "*Sleep on...take your rest...enough, the hour is come; behold the son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.*" That was a lot in their awakening out of a sleep. However, four things occurred:

1. Jesus was ready to face the suffering to secure salvation for mankind, even if they weren't.
2. "*Enough, the hour has come.*" Enough sleeping; enough praying, get ready.
3. Betrayal was happening at the hands of Sinners.

**14:42** Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand.

4. Jesus was submitted to the Father's Will. He says to His disciples "*Get up, let's go, My betrayal is near.*"

## IV. MARK 14:43-52

**14:43** And immediately, while he yet spake, cometh Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. While Jesus is speaking to the disciples, Judas (one of the twelve) comes. He's a fallen disciple who had fallen into deceit and betrayal. *How many began with Jesus and are now fallen away? How many began with little sins, but now involved in greater sins? "The devil comes to steal, kill, and destroy!"* Judas does not come along, no, he's bringing a great multitude with swords and staves (long wooden poles, sticks or rods; clubs) in their hands, with orders from the chief priests and scribes, and elders (all the religious people). How many profess discipleship, yet at the same time they live in sin and shame? How many feel they are actually getting away with it; keeping the truth from Christ; deceiving ourselves and deceiving others?



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**14:44** And he that betrayed him had given them a token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; take him, and lead him away safely. The betrayer had given the Temple guards, chief priests, elders, and scribes a pre-arranged signal as to whomever he kiss, that's the one to take; seize, and lead him away safely under guard.

**14:45** And as soon as he was come, he goeth straightway to him, and saith, Master, master; and kissed him. It was night, already dark and some of the arresting party would not know Jesus, not well enough to arrest Him, so, Judas makes his way to Jesus, calling Him Master twice, as if Jesus was his Master and kissed Him. Judas was not only displaying hypocritical deception, he was drenching Jesus with deception and soaking himself in hypocrisy (two-facedness). He was standing face to face with Jesus fervently declaring his discipleship, yet at that very moment he was leading others in their sin against Jesus. How many profess discipleship, yet at the same time they live in sin and shame? How many think they are getting away with fooling Christ? We are fooling ourselves if we are in that position! That's a kiss of portrayal!

**14:46** And they laid their hands on him, and took him. When they should have been concerned over Jesus and their own souls, they were rejecting and reacting against Him!

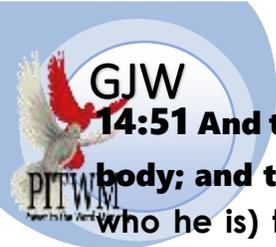
1. The hands laid upon Jesus were the hands of the rude, the abusive, the unconcerned, the neglectful, and the violent.
2. Judas had said lead Him away safely, but they showed no humility.
3. It was their rejection of God's Son that led them to misuse their hands on Jesus as they took Him!

**14:47** And one of them that stood by drew a sword, and smote a servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. The Book of John is the only passage that gives the name of the disciple that drew the sword and cut off the ear of the servant of the high priest. Well, it was Simon Peter who cut off the right ear of Malchus (John 18:10). His courage and his method did not match. Physical force was not the way of Jesus. Many are too often involved in attacking, instead of proclaiming! Jesus wants us to show a different way. Matthew 26:52, Jesus tells Peter "Put your sword back in its place...(NIV)" (the sheath). "If you live by the sword, you die by the sword (CEV)." Luke 22:51 tells us that Jesus touched Malchus' ear and healed him!

**14:48** And Jesus answered and said unto them, Are ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and with staves to take me?— And Jesus' answer the men of the Temple guards, "Did you come out to arrest a thief with swords and staves (long wooden poles, sticks or rods; clubs)?" Because that's how they treated Him, like a thief.

**14:49** I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but the scriptures, it must be fulfilled. Jesus brought to their attention that He was daily with them in the temple teaching God's Word, and yet they didn't stop Him or deter Him. But the scriptures He taught was the truth and the truth must be fulfilled; meaning all that occurred of what He went through earlier had to be fulfilled!

**14:50** And they all forsook him, and fled. Jesus had already said this is in the 27<sup>th</sup> verse, that it was written; prophesied (Zachariah 13:7) that the sheep shall be scattered when the Shepherd is smitten (taken or killed). The temple guards took Him, and the disciples forsook Him (fled).



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**14:51** And there followed him a certain young man, having a linen cloth cast about his naked body; and the young men laid hold on him:— But there was one who followed (not knowing who he is) to see where they were taking Jesus. All he had on was a linen cloth wrapped around his naked body, and the young men caught hold of, meaning grabbed him.

**14:52** And he left the linen cloth, and fled from them naked. However, he didn't care how they grabbed him, he was not going to be caught. He fled, leaving the linen cloth, and himself naked!

## SUMMARY:

**32** We are looking at the Lord's great need for prayer, for He and His disciples are in the Garden of Gethsemane. They were to sit while He prayed. **33** He takes Peter, James, and John a ways farther as He's filled with agony and pressure, and **34** He tells the three that His soul is exceedingly sorrowful to the point of death, and they are to remain there and stay awake.

**35** Jesus goes farther and falls to the ground, praying that if it were possible, the hour (of suffering and death for the sins of mankind) might pass from Him. **36** But Jesus said *"Abba Father, all things are possible unto You. You're the only One to remove this cup from Me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."*

**37** Jesus goes back to His disciples and finds them asleep, and He asks them *"Could you not keep watch for one hour?"* **38** Now, this time He tells them to watch and pray so they won't find themselves falling into temptation. He knew their spirit was ready; willing, but their flesh was weak. **39** Again Jesus goes away to pray, and to pray the same prayer as before. **40** After praying Jesus returned again to find them asleep again, and they didn't know how to answer Him. **41** And again Jesus comes to them a third time telling them sleep on, and take your rest because..., and in mid-sentence He says, *"Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is betrayed; delivered into the hands of sinners."* **42** *"Get up, let's go, My betrayal is near."*

**43** While Jesus was speaking to the disciples, Judas (one of the twelve) comes bringing a great multitude with swords and staves in their hands, with orders from the chief priests and scribes, and elders (all the religious people). **44** The betrayer had given them a pre-arranged signal as to whomever he kiss, that's the one to take; seize, and lead him away safely under guard. **45** Judas goes straight to Jesus, calling Him *"Master Master"*, and gives Jesus a kiss. **46** And they grabbed Jesus and took Him. **47** And in this chaos, one of them (Peter) standing by Jesus drew out his sword, and cut off the (right) ear of the servant (Malchus) of the high priest. **48** The arresting party came out like they were arresting a thief with swords and staves. **49** Jesus brought to their attention that He was daily with them in the temple teaching God's Word, yet they didn't stop Him. But, He says the Scriptures had to be fulfilled. **50** The temple guards took Him, and the disciples forsook Him (fled). **51** There was a certain young man who followed having on a linen cloth wrapped around his naked body, and the guards caught hold of, and grabbed him, but **52** he fled away from them, leaving the linen cloth, and himself naked!

