

# Jesus Prays in a Garden

Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22



“My Father,” Jesus prayed. “If it is possible, take this cup away. Yet, not as I will, but as you will.”

Matthew 26:39

## Jesus Prays in a Garden

Jesus walked with his disciples to a dark, quiet garden. The moon cast shadows on the olive trees.

“Wait while I go over there to pray,” Jesus said. He looked tired. He said, “I am so sad that I feel I could die.” Jesus felt alone and afraid. “Will you stay with me?” he asked his friends.

Jesus prayed with all his heart. He prayed for every believer. He prayed for you.

Jesus fell with his face to the ground. He did not want to die. He begged God, “My Father, if it is possible, please take this cup away from me! But, I will do your will, not mine. I will do as you ask.”

Sweat dripped down his face and onto the ground. It was like drops of blood. An angel came and gave Jesus strength.

His disciples fell asleep. “Could you not stay awake with me for one hour? The mind is willing, but the body is weak,” Jesus said. “Look. My betrayer is here. It is my time.”

Judas arrived. With him were the enemies of Jesus. They held torches, swords, and clubs. Indeed, Jesus’ time had come.

## Questions

1. What did Jesus ask God to do?
2. Did God change his plan for Jesus? Why not?
3. What did Jesus ask his disciples to do? Did they do it?
4. Jesus wants you to spend time with him. Are you willing to do this each day? When?

### Pray this prayer:

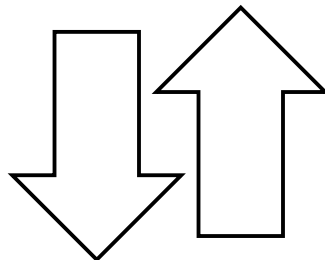
Dear Jesus,

Thank you for praying for me and giving your life for me. My mind is willing to spend time with you, but sometimes my body is weak. Help me meet with you each day.

Amen

You can build a strong friendship with Jesus. Have a “quiet time” every day, even if it’s just for five minutes. Write the word “Bible” in the down arrow. Write the word “Prayer” in the up arrow.

I get to know  
God when he  
speaks to me  
in the Bible.



God gets to  
know me when  
I speak to him  
in prayer.