



JESUS IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

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Have you ever prayed **Slide 2** to God? Yes? No? For my part, **Slide 3** I often pray and especially when I am going through difficult times. **Slide 4** Do you think we could count the people who prayed today? Of course not! **Slide 5** This is million and million of people who pray God every day. And Jesus, when He was on earth, do you think He was praying?

Slide 6 Yes, He used to pray very often. Today we will find Him **Slide 7** after the Passover meal. **Slide 8** It was one of the most difficult moment of his life.

Let's see together what He is going to do. You can read this story in **Slide 9** the Book of Matthew, **Slide 10** chapter 26, **Slide 11** verse 36 to verse 56. Listen carefully and then answer my question: **Slide 12** What does Jesus do to have the strength to obey God?

Slide 13 WHAT DOES JESUS DO TO HAVE THE STRENGTH TO OBEY GOD?

The Passover meal was over. **Slide 14** Jesus and his disciples left the house. It was late. They could have gone rest. But no! They went to a garden planted with olive trees, the garden of Gethsemane. Everything is silent. You could only hear the sound of their footsteps on the path. **Slide 15** Once arrived, Jesus said:

- Sit here. **Slide 16** I will go away to pray. Pierre, Jacques and Jean, come with me!

The disciples were sad and tired. There was a special atmosphere. **Slide 17** They thought about all the words that Jesus had just told them. But what did He mean? **Slide 18** And Judas, what happened to him? They felt something serious had occurred but they were sleepy. They fell asleep.

Slide 19 Jesus took a few steps with Peter, James and John and said to them:

- My soul is sad, **Slide 20** I will die soon. Stay close to me. **Slide 21** Be watchful and pray with me. He was in great anguish. He walked away **Slide 22** and fell to his knees with his face to the ground. He prayed with all his might.

Slide 23 - My Father, if possible, remove from me this cup of suffering that awaits me.

Slide 24 However, I want to do what you want and not what I want.

He was crushed with pain. **Slide 25** He returned to his disciples. They fell asleep.

Slide 26 - Peter, you are sleeping! You have not been able to pray for one hour with me!

If you don't pray, . **Slide 27** you will be weak. In times of troubles, when you will be tempted, you will not have the strength to resist.

Slide 28 He walked away again and prayed.

- If it is possible, Father, take this cup away from me, so that I do not drink it. But you know I want to do **Slide 29** what you want and not what I want.

Slide 30 He was exhausted. God sent Him an angel who comforted him and gave him strength.

He then returned to his disciples. Are they praying? **Slide 31** No! They could not help falling asleep.

Slide 32 For the third time, Jesus made the same prayer.

Slide 33 - Father, if possible, remove this cup from me. However, not what I want **Slide 34** but what you want!

Slide 35 He gained strength again. He decided to go all the way through despite the coming suffering. He knew that on the cross He would be bearing the weight of the sins that all men have committed. He was going to be punished instead of us. He was going to be separated from God. His relationship with was going to be cut off. This was the worst of all.

Slide 36 He went back again to the disciples.

Slide 37 - You are sleeping and resting, but now is not the time My enemies will come get me and make me prisoner. **Slide 38** Come on, get up and let's go! Whoever will betray me is very near!

Indeed, we could, footsteps and men talking. **Slide 39** A crowd, men with swords and sticks was approaching. By the light of torches and lanterns, the disciples saw the imposing shadow of the soldiers and the guards and before them, **Slide 40** a man who was leading them.

Slide 41 - But, it's Judas! They said amazingly.

Jesus walked up to them and asked:

Slide 42 - Who are you looking for?

Slide 43 - Jesus of Nazareth! said the soldiers.

Slide 44 - It's me!

They all retreated and fell backwards. Jesus asked again:

Slide 45 - Who are you looking for?

Slide 46 - Jesus of Nazareth!

- I told you **Slide 47** it was me, so let my disciples go and don't hurt them!

Slide 48 Judas had told the soldiers: "Do not make any mistake! You will arrest the one I will give a kiss to."

Slide 49 He came closer to Jesus and said:

Slide 50 - Good evening, Master!

Slide 51 - Judas! You are betraying me with a kiss!

Slide 52 The soldiers grabbed Jesus and tied his hands. Peter was furious. **Slide 53** He took his sword. Suddenly, he hit a servant and cut his right ear.

Slide 54 - Peter, stop! Put away your sword! If I want to be released, I just have to ask my Father and He will send an army of angels to defend me. But I'm ready, I'll give my life for the salvation of men.

Slide 55 He touched the ear of the servant and healed him.

Slide 56 This frightened the disciples who fled away. **Slide 57** They left Jesus all alone with his enemies. Yet, they loved the Lord and they were so sure they would never give him up!

Slide 58 But they have been very weak.

Slide 59 1, 2 3, 4 AND YOU AND ME!

Are you ready to answer at the question: **Slide 60** "What did Jesus do to have strength to obey God" He did 3 things.

- First: **Slide 61** He prayed. Yes! He even prayed several times. He insisted.

- Secondly: **Slide 62** He asked his friends to pray with Him and for Him.

- Have you found the third thing he did? **Slide 63** He trusted God to be strengthened enough to obey Him.

Maybe one day you will be in a difficult situation. You would like to obey God but you don't have the strength to resist. So, remember this story. **Slide 64** Do the same as Jesus did. Pray God with all your heart, **Slide 65** talk about your difficulty to your parents or to your friends and ask them to help you and to pray with you and for you **Slide 66** and believe that your Father, who is in heaven and who loves you will help you, will give you the strength you need.

Slide 67 4, 3, 2, 1 AND WE PARENTS!

We have many resources within ourselves, but when we are helpless, when you are suffering because of all the life challenges, when the temptation is too big, will we have the strength to resist? Let's do as Jesus said. Slide 68 Let us always pray. Let's ask for help and for prayer from our friends, and let us keep faith in our God. Slide 69 Let's be careful not to miss our children's difficulties so that we can help them in the same vision.

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