

THE BETRAYAL OF JESUS

John 18.1-14 // September 12, 2021

THE GATE WALKS THROUGH THE GATE

Jesus now leaves the Temple area with His disciples, towards the Mt. of Olives, but as they leave the City, they pass through the Golden Gate, sometimes called the Gate Beautiful. Jesus would have ridden in on Palm Sunday on a donkey through this Gate, and now He leaves through it as a sacrificial Lamb.

But today, the Gate is shut. It was shut in 1541 by Suleiman the Magnificent, the Sultan of the Islamic Ottoman Empire that ruled over Israel from 1517 to 1917. Suleiman knew of a biblical prophecy about the Jewish/Christian Messiah that said He would come into Jerusalem through the Gate on the east in order to declare victory over Jerusalem.

Ezekiel 11.23, 43.1, 2 // Acts 1.6-11 // Zechariah 14.1-5 // Ezekiel 44.1, 2

RETURN TO THE GARDEN

The Mount of Olives was a small "mountain" range on the east of Jerusalem across the Kidron Valley. On the other side was Bethany, where Jesus would often visit. At the base of the mountain was a garden named the Garden of Gethsemane, which means "oil press." Archeologists have even uncovered ancient oil presses here from the first century.

This was a favorite spot for Jesus and His disciples to be out of the hustle and bustle of Jerusalem, and Judas knew it well. He met them there and betrayed Jesus.

THE CUP OF THE FATHER

But Jesus rebukes Peter, as Peter was trying to accomplish God's will (as he saw it) through human means. But Jesus knows it was imperative that He would drink the cup given to Him by the Father. And this cup was the cup of God's wrath.

No one on earth or under the earth could drink this cup and live. No one could drink this cup and satisfy the righteous requirements of the Law. Yet this cup of wrath must be poured out on man, because man has sinned against God. And for the joy set before Him, Jesus willfully took the cup of His own Father's wrath, and He drank every last drop, and drank it dry.

**Jesus drank the cup of God's wrath
so that you would not have to.**

Revelation 5.1-14 // Hebrews 12.1, 2

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

James 5:13

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **John 18.1-14**. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

It never ceases to amaze me the amount of prophetic evidence is in God's Word. How does hearing of these prophecies and seeing modern day photos help you to be reminded of the power and glory of the Gospel?

Your Life Mission

With so much sorrow and grief around us, we know that there are many in our circle as well as out of our circle that are grieving, whether it is over the loss of Britni, or knowing that others are dealing with similar hardships in their own lives. Which relationships are in your life that need the comfort of the Gospel and that you could use prayer for?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
 - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don't need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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**MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.**



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