

Treasure Hunt

- How many of the disciples failed the Lord in his hour of suffering?
- Did he still die for them?
- What does the disciples' nap show about their attitude toward the Lord's suffering?
- How could the Lord have filled a whole hour (v. 40) with the prayer in v. 39?
- For what should the disciples have been praying during this time?
- How does the Lord's statement about the spirit and the flesh lay the foundation for Paul's later teaching?
- What is the meaning of "the cup" about which the Lord prays?
- How does it differ from the cup that he gave the disciples at the Last Supper?
- For what was the Lord praying in Gethsemane? Did the Father grant his request?

Contrasting Parties in Matt 26-28

	The Lord's Friends	Transition	The Lord's Enemies
Purpose: Jesus' Death	26:1-2 Fourth Announcement		26:3-5 Planning in the Palace
Preparation for Death	26:6-13 Anointing in Bethany		26:14-16 Contract with Judas
The Lord is betrayed /delivered	26:17-46 Jesus with the Disciples: Last Supper (Judas), Gethesemene (Peter)		
		26:47-56 from the Disciples to the Jews (Judas)	
			26:57-27:56 Jesus with the Jews: Trials (Peter, Judas), Crucifixion (women)
Preparation for Burial	27:57-61 Joseph of Arimathea		27:62-66 Sealing the Tomb
Responses to the Resurrection	28:1-10, 16-20 Spread the gospel		28:11-15 Deny the Resurrection

Who failed the Lord?

Judas, 26:14

- Outsider among the Twelve
- “Iscariot” may mean “man of Keriot,” a city of Judah (Josh 15:25), not Galilee

Peter, 26:34: the recognized leader

Peter, James, John, 26:36-46

- First called (with Andrew), 4:18-21
- Witnessed raising of Jairus’ daughter, Mark 5:37
- On Mount of Transfiguration, Matt 17:1
- Preeminent after ascension:

Act 1:13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both **Peter, and James, and John**, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James *the son* of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas *the brother* of James.

Gal 2:1 Then fourteen years after I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and took Titus with *me* also. 9 And when **James, Cephas, and John**, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we *should go* unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.

→ Examples chosen to show that nobody is immune!

41 “the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak”

Gal 5:16 *This* I say then, Walk in the **Spirit**, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the **flesh**. 17 For the **flesh** lusteth against the **Spirit**, and the **Spirit** against the **flesh**: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. 18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

Gen 6:3 My **spirit** shall not always strive [?? abide?] with man, for that he also *is* **flesh**: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

Eze 36:27 And I will put my **spirit** within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do *them*.

Joh 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for **he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you**.

39, 42 What is the Cup?

Psa 11:5 The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth. 6 Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: *this shall* be the portion of their **cup**.

Psa 75:8 For in the hand of the LORD *there is* a **cup**, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring *them* out, and drink *them*.

Isa 51:17 Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the LORD **the cup of his fury**; thou hast drunken the dregs of **the cup of trembling**, *and wrung them* out.

Jer 25:15 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel unto me; Take the **wine cup of this fury** at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it. 16 And they shall drink, and be moved, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them. 17 Then took I the **cup** at the LORD'S hand, and made all the nations to drink, unto whom the LORD had sent me:

Rev 14:9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, 10 The same shall drink of **the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation**;

Mat 20:28 the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and **to give his life a ransom for many**.

39, 42 “cup pass from me”

Removal of the cup:

Isa 51:22 Thus saith thy Lord the LORD, and thy God *that* pleadeth the cause of his people, **Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling**, *even* the dregs of the cup of my fury; thou shalt no more drink it again:

Later NT commentary:

Heb 5:7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, **and was heard** in that he feared;

45, 46: Behold two things

45 Behold, the hour is at hand ἰδοὺ, ἤγγικεν ἡ ὥρα

God controls what happens when:

Psa 139:16 (David) Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all of them were written, **the days were fashioned**, when *as yet there* was none of them.

Dan 2:21 he changeth the **times** and the **seasons**:

Act 1:7 It is not for you to know the **times** or the **seasons**, which the Father hath put in **his own power**.

Behold, he is at hand that doth betray me
ἰδοὺ, ἤγγικεν ὁ παραδιδούς με
Judas is fully responsible for his sinful actions

Deut 29:29 The secret things belong unto the Lord our God ...

Psa 76:10 Surely the **wrath of man** shall **praise thee**:

Gen 50:20 But as for you, **ye thought evil against me**; but **God meant it unto good**, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

Act 2:23 Him, being delivered **by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God**, ye have taken, and **by wicked hands** have crucified and slain:

Act 4:27 For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both **Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together**, 28 For to do **whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done**.