Matthew

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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am | Matthew - Lesson 35

To be discussed –09/28/26 | Matthew 26:36-75

1. Read Matthew 26:36-46. Why did Jesus go to the Garden of Gethsemane? All the disciples went with Him to the Garden and were told to sit and pray. Why did he select Peter, James and John to come away with him? What did he want of them?

2. Jesus had calmly faced his coming death until now. Why was he *sorrowful and troubled*; *overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death*? What was the *cup* he wanted the Father to take away?

3. We know that all things are possible with God, yet in another sense some things are impossible. Why did God not do what the Son asked? It has been said that the battle fought on the cross was won in the Garden of Gethsemane. How was his anguish resolved and calm restored?

4. Read Matthew 26:47-56. How does the presence of such a large group of armed men show a complete lack of understanding of Jesus and his ministry? What were they expecting? What did they find?

5. Read Luke 22:49-51 and John 18:10. What did Peter do? Why was he not arrested? Was violence in defense of Christ necessary? Why or why not? What happened to the disciples after he was arrested?

6. Read Matthew 26:57-68, Mark 14:55-59, John 18:12-18. Where did they take Jesus after his arrest? Why? How was this "trial before the High Priest and Sanhedrin a mockery of true justice?

7. What potential charge did they finally have? (Matt. 26:61) Was it sufficient to convict him?

8. How did the high priest, frustrated by Jesus' silence, cut to the central issue? Why did Jesus answer him this time? How did he reply? What was he charged with that led to his death?

9. Read Matthew 26:69-76. Where was Peter all this time? Should he have been there? Why or why not? List the progressive steps of his denial of Christ. What was the ultimate reason Peter disowned his Lord?

10. How did Peter's failure actually become the foundation for his future spiritual leadership? (Luke 22:60-62) What lesson(s) do you think he learned?