

**JESUS IN THE OIL PRESS**  
**(King Jesus: The Gospel of Matthew- Part 70)**  
**July 18, 2021**

**Life Group Questions for the Week of July 18, 2021**

Matthew 26:36-56

**LESSONS FROM THE GARDEN**

The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus' followers reveals the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel accounts

The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus by the Father  
produced Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_

The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus was driven by  
his love for \_\_\_\_\_

*Fill-ins: Flakiness; reliability; forsaking; agony; faithfulness; the Father and for us*

(For further study on today's passage, check out the work of Tim Keller and J.D. Greear, which contributed content for various parts of the message.)

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

2. What was the longest night of your life?

Read Matthew 26:36-56 for the following questions/discussion.

3. On Sunday we looked at the agony Jesus experienced in the Garden of Gethsemane before he was arrested.

Discuss what the agony Jesus experienced in the garden was and how it compares to the other suffering he experienced throughout his life (human life in general, beaten, humiliated, unjustly tried and crucified.) What do you think was the greatest suffering Jesus' and why?

4. Jesus prayed that the cup of suffering He was about to face would be taken away from Him but the Father didn't remove it. How do you continue to stay strong when your prayers are not being answered the way you want?

5. Describe a time when you decided not to follow your own desires but submitted to God's will.

6. What has been your 'Gethsemane' - a place where you really wrestled with God? What do you learn from Jesus' example about praying at those times?

7. Jesus wanted his closest friends to stay with him during one of the darkest times in his life yet they could not keep their eyes open. A few minutes later, when Jesus is arrested, all his disciples deserted him and fled. In what ways can a lack of support from friends be extremely disappointing? What can God teach you at that time? In what ways can the company of fellow believers help you through a trial? Have you ever experienced this?

8. When do you believe you've been flakey with Jesus? When, if ever, do you believe you have deserted him? How did you and Jesus resolve that issue?

9. What do you appreciate most about Jesus from this account? Who can you tell this week?