
*A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth, our guilt and evil bearing
And, laden with the sins of earth, none else the burden sharing.
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint, to slaughter led without complaint,
That spotless life to offer, bears shame and stripes and wounds and death,
Anguish and mockery and says, "Willing all this I suffer."*

*This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, the Lamb of God, our Savior;
Him God the Father chose to send to gain for us his favor.
"Go forth, my Son," the Father said, "And free my children from their dread
Of guilt and condemnation. The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
But by your passion they will share the fruit of your salvation." (CW 100)*

What Bible passages come to mind when you read or sing these words?

14:27-31 (NIV)

"You will all fall away," Jesus told them, "for it is written: 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

Peter declared, "Even if all fall away, I will not."

"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "today—yes, tonight—before the rooster crows twice you yourself will disown me three times."

But Peter insisted emphatically, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the others said the same.

What do you think Jesus means by saying, "You will all fall away"?

Comment on Jesus' command of the Scriptures.

Why does Jesus mention Galilee?

Why would Jesus tell his disciple that the disciple was going to sin?

14:32-42

They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch."

Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Simon," he said to Peter, "are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him.

Returning the third time, he said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

What was Jesus' state as he entered Gethsemane?

Would you call it a mental, emotional, physical, or spiritual state?

Why was he in this state?

Analyze the parts of Jesus' prayer.

Why does Jesus address Peter as Simon?

"The spirit is willing, but the body is weak." What does that mean?

Compare Jesus' first prayer with his words to the disciples after his third prayer.

14:43-52

Just as Jesus was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders.

Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. The men seized Jesus and arrested him. Then one of those standing near drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

"Am I leading a rebellion," said Jesus, "that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled." Then everyone deserted him and fled.

A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him, he fled naked, leaving his garment behind.

What is so despicable about Judas' act of betrayal?

What was Jesus' response to the violence in the garden?

What has Jesus suffered in this last section?

*"Yes, Father, yes, most willingly I'll bear what you command me.
My will conforms to your decree; I'll do what you have asked me."
O wond'rous Love, what have you done! The Father offers up his Son,
Desiring our salvation. O Love, how strong you are to save!
You make his bed within the grave who built the earth's foundation.
From morn till eve, in all I do, I'll praise you, Christ, my treasure.
To sacrifice myself for you shall be my aim and pleasure.
My stream of life shall ever be a current flowing ceaselessly,
Your constant praise outpouring. I'll treasure in my memory,
O Lord, all you have done for me, your gracious love adoring.*