

Luke 22:35-46 **Two Swords – Gethsemane Prayer**

35 And He said to them, "When I sent you without money bag, knapsack, and sandals, did you lack anything?" So they said, "Nothing." 36 Then He said to them, "But now, he who has a money bag, let him take it, and likewise a knapsack; and he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one. 37 For I say to you that this which is written must still be accomplished in Me: 'And He was numbered with the transgressors.' For the things concerning Me have an end." 38 So they said, "Lord, look, here are two swords." And He said to them, "It is enough."

39 Coming out, He went to the Mount of Olives, as He was accustomed, and His disciples also followed Him. 40 When He came to the place, He said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." 41 And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, 42 saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done." 43 Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. 44 And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. 45 When He rose up from prayer, and had come to His disciples, He found them sleeping from sorrow. 46 Then He said to them, "Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✚ Jesus reminded the Disciples that when they first were sent out they lacked nothing because they had received all they needed from those they ministered to. But after Jesus is taken from them they would need to take **their own support** and provide for **their own defense**. [Luke 22:35-38]
- ✦ For I say to you that **this which is written must still be accomplished in Me**: 'And He was numbered with the transgressors.' **For the things concerning Me have an end.**" [Luke 22:37]
- ✦ All things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished. [Luke 18:31, Matthew 26:54, 56, Mark 14:49, Luke 18:31, 24:26-27, 44]
- ✚ So they said, "Lord, look, here are two swords." And He said to them, "It is enough." [Luke 22:38]

- ✚ They came to the Garden of Gethsemane.
 - ✦ Jesus told the disciples to wait while He goes to pray. [Matthew 26:36, Mark 14:32]
 - ✦ Jesus took Peter, James, and John with Him and asked them to watch with Him, saying "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death." [Matthew 26:37-38, Mark 14:33-34]
 - ✦ When He came to the place, He said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." [Luke 22:39-40]

- ✦ Jesus went a little farther and prayed: "O My Father, If it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; Nevertheless, not My will but as You will." [Matthew 26:39, Mark 14:35-36, Luke 22:41-42]
- ✦ In this prayer we see the Humanity of Jesus. The prospect of what lay ahead was not pleasant even though it was planned before the foundation of the world. [1 Peter 1:18-20]
- ✦ Still Jesus put the will of the Father ahead of His own will and willingly gave Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of the world, knowing the glory that would follow the suffering. [Hebrews 12:2]
- ✦ His intent that all that was written about Him must be fulfilled, was revealed in His words of His prayer, "Not my Will, but Yours, be done," [Matthew 26:39, Mark 14:35-36, Luke 22:41-42]

- ✧ Jesus said to the two on the way to Emmaus: "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" And **beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.** [Luke 24:25-27]
- ✧ Then later to the Disciples after the two reported seeing Jesus on the road and in Emmaus, Jesus appeared and said: "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that **all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.**" [Luke 24:44]
- ✧ After an hour, Jesus returned and found them sleeping. "Could you not watch with Me for one hour? Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." [Matthew 26:40-41, Mark 14:37-38, Luke 22:40, 45-46]
 - ✧ After four cups of wine at the Passover supper, and the lateness of the hour, it is not surprising that they would be sleeping.
 - ✧ Yet Jesus wanted them to watch and pray to be strengthened against the temptation that was to come. [Matthew 26:41, Mark 14:38, Luke 22:40]
 - ✧ They were to be on guard against the band that would accompany Judas when he arrived to betray Jesus.
 - ✧ Jesus wants us to choose to go a step beyond our nature, to deliberately resist sleep and stay awake, when we need to be praying in preparation for what lies ahead, especially when Jesus has told us in advance what is coming.
- ✧ Jesus went again to His prayer saying the same words. [Matthew 26:42, Mark 14:39]
- ✧ Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. [Luke 22:43]
- ✧ And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. [Luke 22:44]
 - ✧ This demonstrates the intensity of His prayer and desire to avoid the coming abuse and death, yet His determination to do the will of the Father.
- ✧ When He returned He found them sleeping. [Matthew 26:43, Mark 14:40, Luke 22:45]
- ✧ Jesus went away the third time and prayed the same prayer. [Matthew 26:44, Mark 14:41]
- ✧ When Jesus returned to the disciples the third time and found them sleeping. [Matthew 26:45, Mark 14:41, Luke 22:46]
 - ✧ He understood their need for sleep, but also knew that the betrayer was approaching with the soldiers to arrest Him.
- ✧ Jesus said to them, "Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners, rise, let us be going. See, he who betrays Me is at hand." [Matthew 26:45-46, Mark 14:41-42]
 - ✧ The soldiers who came with Judas were sent by the High Priest and the Counsel of the Scribes, Elders, Chief Priests, and Pharisees. That is the highest authority of the Jewish religious leadership, and Jesus called them "sinners." [Matthew 26:45, Mark 14:43, John 18:2-3]