

## The Red-Letter Words of Yeshua ~ Part 165

### Passion Week ~ Yeshua's Betrayal & Arrest ~ Part 1

In our last post, we continued to examine the final days of **Yeshua's** life and ministry. After praying to His **Father** on behalf of all His **talmidim**, **Yeshua** and those with Him cross the **Kidron Valley** to **Gethsemane**, an olive grove on the **Mount of Olives**, just east of **Yerushalayim**. This is now very early on **Friday** morning in the **Jewish** culture.

#### To Gat Sh'manim (Gethsemane)

**<sup>1</sup> After Yeshua had said all this** (the True Lord's Prayer from our last post), ***He went out with His talmidim across the stream that flows in winter through the Vadi Kidron to a spot where there was a grove of trees; and He and His talmidim went into it.*** <sup>1</sup> **<sup>32</sup> They went to a place called Gat Sh'manim, and Yeshua said to His talmidim, "Sit here while I pray."** <sup>33</sup> ***He took with him Kefa, Ya'akov, and Yochanan. Great distress and anguish came over him;*** <sup>34</sup> ***and He said to them, "My heart is so filled with sadness that I could die! Remain here and stay awake."*** <sup>2</sup>

#### Yeshua Prays in Agony

**<sup>41</sup> He went about a stone's throw away from them, kneeled down, and prayed,** <sup>42</sup> ***"Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from Me; still, let not My will but Yours be done."*** <sup>43</sup> ***There appeared to Him an angel from heaven giving Him strength,*** <sup>44</sup> ***and in great anguish He prayed more intensely so that His sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground.*** <sup>45</sup> ***On rising from prayer and coming to the talmidim, He found them sleeping because of their grief.*** <sup>3</sup>

#### Yeshua Prays a Second Time

**<sup>40</sup> He returned to the talmidim and found them sleeping. He said to Kefa, "Were you so weak that you couldn't stay awake with Me for even an hour?** <sup>41</sup> ***Stay awake and pray that you will not be put to the test - the spirit indeed is eager, but human nature is weak.*** <sup>42</sup> ***A second time, He went off and prayed. "My Father, if this cup cannot pass away unless I drink it, let what You want to be done."*** <sup>4</sup>

#### Yeshua Prays a Third Time

**<sup>43</sup> Again, He returned and found them sleeping; their eyes were so heavy.** <sup>44</sup> ***Leaving them again, He went off and prayed a third time, saying the same words.*** <sup>45</sup> ***Then He came to the talmidim and said, "For now, go on sleeping; take your rest.... Look! The time has come for the Son of Man to be betrayed into the hands of sinners.*** <sup>46</sup> ***Get up! Let's go! Here comes My betrayer!"*** <sup>5</sup>

Upon reflection, I decided not to provide any commentary on these passages individually other than to note **Yeshua's** struggle between His divinity and His humanity. That should be a source of strength for all of us experiencing our own struggles.

In our next post, we move on the **Yeshua's Betrayal and Arrest in Gethsemane**.

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<sup>1</sup> Yochanan 18:1.

<sup>2</sup> Mark 14:32–34.

<sup>3</sup> Luke 22:41–45.

<sup>4</sup> Mattityahu 26:40–42.

<sup>5</sup> Mattityahu 26:43–46.