



Weekly Study Guide

February 28, 2010

24 Hours that Changed the World

The Garden of Gethsemane – Rev. Chris Nunley

Mark 14:26-52

Hallel Psalms 113-114 were sung before the Passover Celebration

Hallel Psalms 115-118 were sung after the Passover Celebration

These Psalms offer praise to God and are reminders of what God has done, what God is doing and what God will continue to do! They are proofs of an active God.

God is not the God who saved, but the God who is still saving.

Gethsemane means olive press. It was a garden of olive trees, some very ancient even when Jesus spent time there. It was familiar to him as he went there often (Luke 22:39). The garden setting is common to a place of peace, familiarity, comfort, plus it had a great view of the Temple and the city of Jerusalem. It was located on the Mount of Olives just east of the city.

Things Jesus experienced this night:

1. **Temptation:** Jesus was tempted to do “what I want,” instead of “what you want.”
2. **Agony:** Jesus prayed 3 times for this “cup” to pass him by because it was difficult and going to get even more so. His agony was related also to the burden of sin placed on him this night, the sins of the entire world, past, present and future. (Including yours!) He sought the counsel of God and the three prayers could represent the unity of Father, Son and Spirit agreeing in this action.
3. **Betrayal:** Judas kissed Jesus and his betrayal was completed, but the rest of the disciples had just gotten started as they literally ran from the garden. Yet while Jesus knew they would run, his promise to meet them in the Galilee would bring great comfort to them later.

Questions for consider:

1. **When have you been tempted to “sleep” instead of “pray?”**
2. **Has your agony led you to depend on what God wants or has it led you to trust in your own ideas? How can you turn your agony into prayer?**
3. **The Disciples ran, but returned. Have you? Isn't it time for you to return to trust in Christ?**