

## John 18:1-11 Handout

### Assignment 1: Verses 1-3 Jesus and His disciples in the garden

#### Definitions:

- The Brook Kidron - located in the Kidron Valley
  - The brook of Kidron's name is taken from קִדְרוֹן (*qadar*)—"to mourn" or "to be dark, turbid."
- The Kidron Valley
  - Location: East of Jerusalem, between the city wall and the Mount of Olives
  
- The Garden:
  - Name: Gethsemane - Meaning: an oil press (for olives)
  - Location: The western slope of the mount of Olives
  - Info:
    - One of many privately owned gardens on the Olivet slope.

Q1. V1 Read Luke 22:39. What did Jesus and the disciples use Gethsemane for?

Q2. V1 In a world where our attention is so divided, what are your thoughts on the importance of having a place for solitude and prayer?

- Gethsemane was the Garden of obedience and submission; and heaven shall be the eternal garden of delight and satisfaction, to the glory of God - Wiersbe
  
- In another Garden, called Eden, the first Adam rebelled against the Father's will. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus—the Last Adam (1 Corinthians 15)—submitted to the Father's will. In the Garden of Eden, Adam hid from God. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus is transparent before God. In the Garden of Eden, man was driven out because of his sin. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prepares to die for sin. In the Garden of Eden, a sword was unsheathed (Genesis 3:24). In the Garden of Gethsemane, a sword is put away (John 18:11). That which was lost in the Garden of Eden will be reclaimed in the Garden of Paradise—all because of the Garden of Gethsemane. - Courson

Q3. Read Isaiah 53:10. Think about the emotional condition of the disciples. How do the terms mentioned above and the disciples' situation relate to each other? What does this say about God?

Q4. V2. Read John 12:4-6 and Matthew 26:14-16. What was Judas' motive to betray Jesus?

Q5 V3. Who was with Judas when he arrived at the garden? Do you find anything unusual about this?

Assignment 2: Verses 4-9 Jesus confronted

Q6 V4. When confronted by the temple guard and the Roman soldiers, how did Jesus respond? Why do you think He responded the way He did?

Q7 V5-6. How did Jesus identify Himself?

Q8. V5-6 How did the temple guard and Roman soldiers respond to Jesus telling them He was the One they were looking for? Read Revelation 1:17

Q9 V7-9 Read John 6:39 and 17:12. Why did Jesus tell those that were going to arrest Him to let His disciples go?

Assignment 3: Verses 10-11 Peter steps in

Q10 V10 How did Peter respond to Jesus' arrest? Why? Read Matthew 26:33-35

Q11 V10. What did Peter's response say about His character?

Q12 V10 What did Peter's response say about his understanding of what was happening?

Q13 V11 Read Luke 22:51 How did Jesus respond to Peter's actions? What did He tell Peter?

Q14 V11. Jesus mentions Peter's sword in His question to Him. What does Jesus tell Him to do with it? Does this say anything to you? What are your thoughts?

Q15 V11. Jesus mentions a cup in His rhetorical question to Peter. Who gave it to Him and when was it given to Him? What does this say about Jesus' knowledge of what was happening to Him?

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