

Gethsemane

1. Gethsemane means “Olive Press”. It is a large rock with grooves cut into the top. Olives are placed into a bag that is porous and then set on top of the rock. Then another rock is placed on top to crush the olives and squeeze out the oil which runs down the grooves into a jar. It is interesting to note that while praying in the garden, Jesus was under great pressure of what he was about to face that he sweat great drops of blood.
2. It is interesting that when the soldiers came for Him He would have already been blood soaked. Wouldn't they have wondered about that?
3. When he went to pray he took the same men as he did at the transfiguration. (Peter, James, and John)
4. Jesus' fear while praying was that the cup which represent that wrath of God against sin, which would be placed on Him and the Father then looking away.
5. The arrest was in the middle of the night. Because it was the Passover there would have been a full moon, so Jesus would have seen the soldiers coming. Probably about 600 soldiers comprised a band.
6. The visit of the angel to strengthen Jesus is found only in Luke.
7. Luke is the only one of the gospels to record the healing of Malchus' ear. John revealed Malchus as the name of the person, showing true harmony of the gospels.