

# 100 days with Jesus

Group Study No: 18

Luke 22:39-45

## Introduction

Gardens are special places in the Bible. Genesis tells us that we were made to live in a garden, a serene place of fruitfulness and natural beauty where men and women could meet with God.

At the end of the Bible, in the book of Revelation, there is a new garden at the heart of the New Jerusalem. A river of life flows through it, and a healing tree grows in it.

Somewhere in between these two, we find Jesus, late at night, with his disciples in the garden of Gethsemane. In this garden, we see Jesus at his weakest and saddest moment.

## Discussion

1. What is the most impressive garden you have ever visited?
2. If Jesus was the Son of God, why is the prospect of dying on the cross so distressing to him?
3. If Jesus was the Son of God, do you think he would feel physical pain?
4. Why do you think Jesus said, "yet not my will, but yours be done"?
5. Why are these words such a good model for our prayers?
6. Are you aware of any occasion when you have felt God asking you to do something that you did not want to do?
7. In v45 Jesus finds his disciples asleep. Have you ever been let down? How did it feel? Have you ever let somebody else down? How did you feel?
8. At the start of Jesus' ministry, we see him alone being tempted in the wilderness. At the

end of Jesus' ministry, we see him alone in the garden. What does this teach us about the Christian life?

## Prayer

Lord God,  
As Jesus knelt before you in the garden,  
So I kneel before you now.  
May you give me strength in my weakness,  
Your presence in my aloneness,  
And the help of an angel  
When my friends let me down,  
That I might be true to you.  
Amen.