

THE SWORD AND THE CUP John 18:1-23

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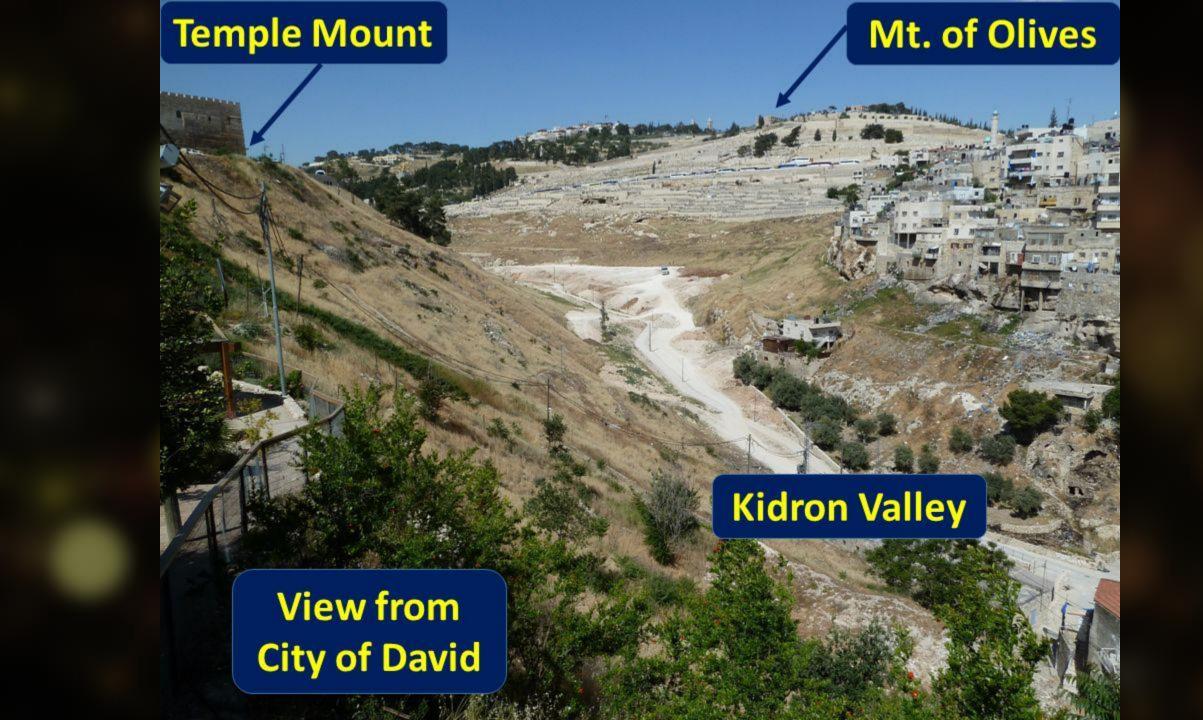
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JOHN 18:1

When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered.









JOHN 18:2-3

2 Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. 3 So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons.

"The combination of Jewish and Roman authorities in the arrest of Jesus indicts the whole world. At the historical level, it reminds us that common foes generate strange friendships..."

Before the cross, Jew and Gentile are united by a common enemy.

After the cross, Jew and Gentile are united by a common Savior.

JOHN 18:4-6

4 Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" 5 They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. 6 When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground.

JOHN 18:7-9

7 So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." 8 Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." 9 This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one."

JOHN 18:10-11

10 Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) 11 So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"



Woe to the house of Annas! Woe to the serpent's hiss! They are High Priests: their sons are keepers of the treasury, their sons-in-law are guardians of the temple, and their servants beat people with staves.

What was lost in the first garden is redeemed in this second garden.

JOHN 18:11

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Either we drink the cup of God's wrath or Jesus does it for us.