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Stay Awake!

"Are you asleep? Couldn't you keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

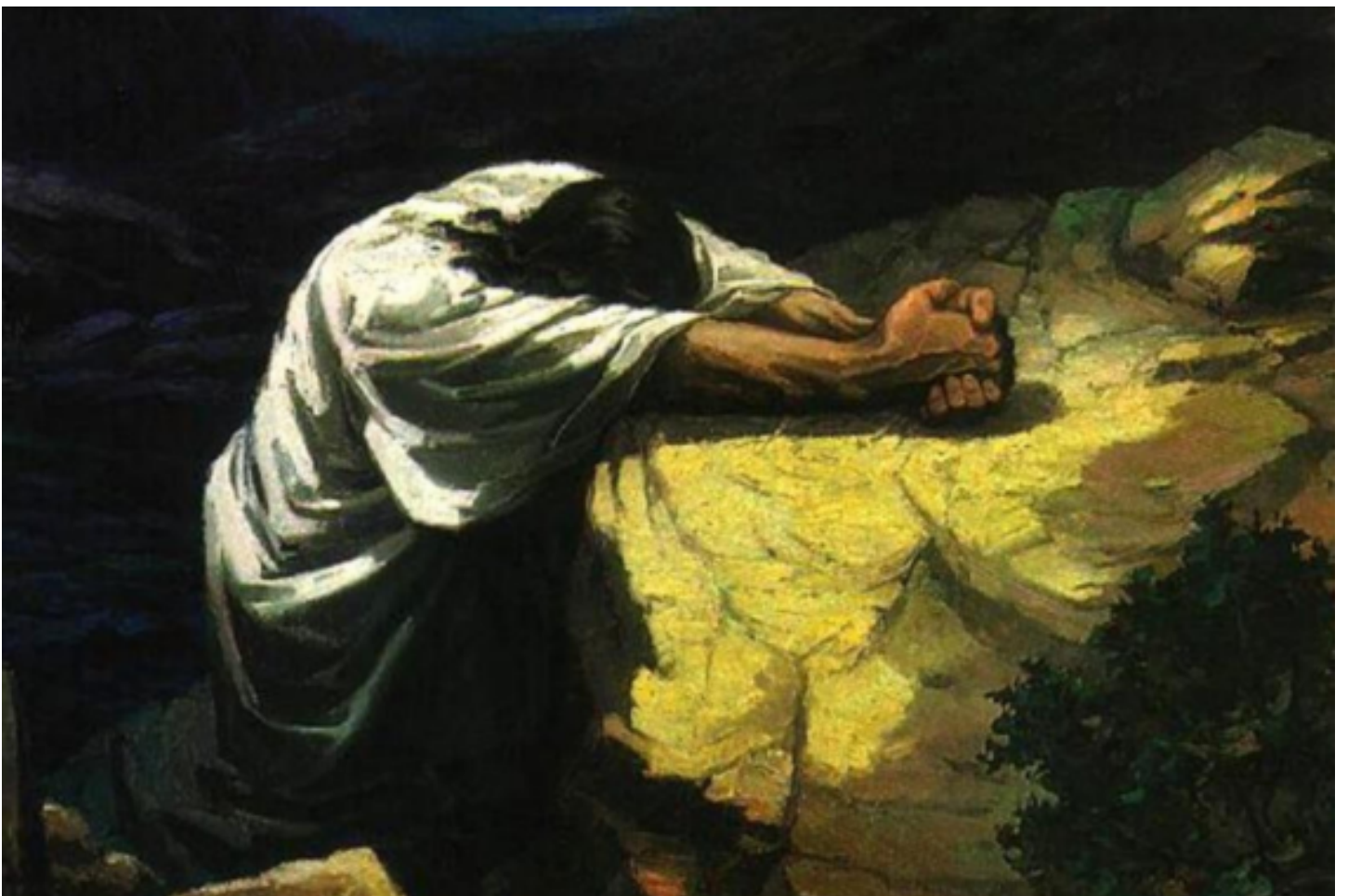


- Jesus asked His disciples to pray with him. Ask Jesus to help you to pray.
- Sometimes we are tempted to do things that are wrong. Ask God to help you to do what is right. Sometimes it is hard, but the Holy Spirit can help us!

2

Jesus Prayed

"Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.""



- Thank Jesus that He trusted and obeyed his Heavenly Father.
- Ask God to help you to trust and obey him as well.

3

Betrayed

Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"



- Have you ever had someone take sides against you? Or exclude you? How did it feel?
- Can you imagine how Jesus felt when his disciple Judas turned against him?
- Jesus knows how it feels to be betrayed and abandoned. He can comfort you when you are feeling alone.

4

Falsely Accused

Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?" But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer.



- Has someone ever blamed you for doing something you didn't do? How did it feel?
- Have you ever accused or blamed someone else?
- When Jesus was accused, he was humble and didn't defend himself.
- Ask Jesus to teach you how to be humble.

5

Peter Denies Jesus

But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.



- Have you ever felt embarrassed about being a Christian? Or felt afraid to speak up and say what is true?
- Have you ever not stood by a friend when they needed you?
- You can say sorry to God for these things and thank him for his forgiveness.

6

King of the Jews

"What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?" Pilate asked them. "Crucify him!" they shouted. "Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"



- They dressed up Jesus with a fake robe and crown and made fun of him; even though He is the true King of the Jews and the King of the whole universe!
- Do you treat Jesus like he is the Lord? Do you believe he is our real King?
- You can say sorry to Jesus for when you have ignored him or not really cared about him. Ask Jesus to take his rightful place as Lord in your heart.

7

Carrying the Cross

"So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha."



- Jesus carried the cross because he loves you! He knew that his death was the only way to take your sins away.
- You can pray and thank Jesus for carrying the cross for you. You can thank him that he took the consequences for your sin.

8

Crucified

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." ... The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."



9

Dead

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.



- It is ok to be sad remembering that Jesus died on the cross. Sometimes it even makes us want to cry. But remember that Jesus died on the cross because of his great love for you!
- "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

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Buried

As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away...



- Jesus died on the cross and was buried but he didn't stay dead...

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