



Jesus Prays and the Disciples Sleep

Luke 22:39 – 53

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The disciples are told to pray

- **Luke 22:39, 40**

And He came out and proceeded as was His custom to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples also followed Him. And when He arrived at the place, He said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.”



Jesus submits to the Father’s will

- **Luke 22:41, 42**

And He withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and He knelt down and began to pray, saying, “Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done.”

 **Chiastic structure**

A Pray not to enter temptation (Lk. 22:40)
 B Jesus knelt down (Lk. 22:41)
 C Jesus prays (Lk. 22:42)
 B' Jesus rose (Lk. 22:45)
 A' Pray not to enter temptation (Luke 22:46)

Luke 22:43, 44 are missing from most of the best Greek manuscripts and interrupt Luke's chiasm. They were likely added by scribes.

 **Jesus prayed, they slept**

■ **Luke 22:45, 46**

When He rose from prayer, He came to the disciples and found them sleeping from sorrow, and said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

 **Judas betrays Jesus**

■ **Luke 22:47, 48**

While He was still speaking, behold, a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was preceding them; and he approached Jesus to kiss Him. But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"



They have misconstrued Jesus' words about the sword

■ **Luke 22:49 - 50**

When those who were around Him saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" And one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear.



They treat Jesus like a revolutionary

■ **Luke 22:51, 52**

But Jesus answered and said, "Stop! No more of this." And He touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders who had come against Him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as you would against a robber"?



Judas and the Jewish leadership are under Satan's power

■ **Luke 22:53**

"While I was with you daily in the temple, you did not lay hands on Me; but this hour and the power of darkness are yours."


 God's plan included the powers of darkness
 ■ **1Corinthians 2:7, 8**
 but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God predestined before the ages to our glory; the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory;


Applications and Implications
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 ■ **Hebrews 4:16**
 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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■ **Philippians 4:6, 7**

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

2) God's providence and prayer are fully compatible

■ **Acts 4:18, 24**

And when they had summoned them, they commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. . . . And when they heard this, they lifted their voices to God with one accord and said, "O Lord, it is You who made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that is in them,

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■ **Acts 4:25, 26**

who by the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our father David Your servant, said, "Why did the Gentiles rage, And the peoples devise futile things? The kings of the earth took their stand, And the rulers were gathered together Against the Lord and against His Christ."

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■ **Acts 4:27, 28**

For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose predestined to occur.

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■ **Acts 4:29**

And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence

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■ **Luke 11:4**

“And forgive us our sins, For we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.”

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■ **2Peter 2:4, 5**

For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment; and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

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■ **2Peter 2:6, 7**

and if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly lives thereafter; and if He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men

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■ **2Peter 2:9**

then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment,
