

# John 18:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus oftentimes resorted thither with his disciples.

## Analysis

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**And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place** (Ἔιδει δὲ καὶ Ἰούδας ὁ παραδιδοὺς αὐτόν)—The verb *ēidei* (knew) is imperfect tense, indicating ongoing, habitual knowledge. Judas possessed intimate familiarity with this garden retreat across the Kidron Valley. John emphasizes the tragic irony: a sacred place of communion became the staging ground for betrayal.

**For Jesus oftentimes resorted thither** (ὅτι πολλάκις συνήχθη)—*Pollakis* (ofttimes, frequently) reveals this was Jesus's habitual prayer retreat with His disciples. Unlike the Synoptics, John doesn't name Gethsemane, but focuses on the betrayal's premeditation. Judas weaponized his knowledge of Christ's prayer patterns. The place where Jesus sought the Father became the site of His arrest—intimate knowledge perverted into treachery.

## Historical Context

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The garden was likely an olive grove on the Mount of Olives, a place Jesus frequented for prayer and teaching (Luke 21:37, 22:39). In first-century Jerusalem, wealthy patrons often owned private gardens outside the city walls. John, writing decades later (AD 90-100), assumes readers know the location, focusing instead on the spiritual betrayal.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How does Judas's abuse of intimate knowledge challenge you about the responsibility that comes with spiritual access and privilege?
2. What does Jesus's predictable pattern of prayer—even knowing it made Him vulnerable—teach about prioritizing communion with God over personal safety?

## Interlinear Text

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ἥδει δὲ καὶ Ἰούδας τῶν παραδιδοὺς αὐτοῦ τῶν  
knew And also Judas which betrayed him which  
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τόπον ὅτι πολλάκις συνήχθη τῶν Ἰησοῦς ἐκεῖ μετὰ  
the place for oftentimes resorted which Jesus thither with  
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τῶν μαθητῶν αὐτοῦ  
which disciples him  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Luke 22:39** (Parallel theme): And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him.

**Luke 21:37** (Parallel theme): And in the day time he was teaching in the temple; and at night he went out, and abode in the mount that is called the mount of Olives.

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