

# Mark 14:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray.

## Analysis

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**And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane** (Γεθσημανί, Gethsēmani)—from Hebrew גֶּתְשֶׁמָנִים (gat shemanim, 'oil press'). This olive orchard at the Mount of Olives' foot became the stage for Jesus's most agonizing prayer. Mark's sparse narrative contrasts with Luke's medical details (sweat like blood) but shares the geographic precision.

**Sit ye here, while I shall pray** (καθίσατε ὧδε ἕως προσεύξωμαι)—Jesus separates the eight from the inner three (Peter, James, John, v. 33), creating concentric circles of intimacy even in crisis. The present subjunctive proseuxōmai implies ongoing, repeated prayer—not a single petition but sustained wrestling with the Father's will. This separation foreshadows His ultimate aloneness in bearing sin.

## Historical Context

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Gethsemane was likely a private olive grove Jesus frequented (John 18:2), making Judas's betrayal more intimate—he knew where to find Jesus in solitude. The Thursday night setting (14 Nisan, Passover eve) heightened the tension: while Jerusalem slept off the Passover meal, Jesus faced the true Paschal sacrifice. Roman guards would soon arrive with torches (John 18:3) to arrest the Light of the World.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. When facing your own 'Gethsemane' moments, do you isolate completely or maintain circles of intimacy for support, as Jesus modeled?
2. How does Jesus's deliberate choice to pray in a familiar place challenge our tendency to avoid locations associated with past spiritual struggles?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ ἔρχονται εἰς χωρίον οὗ τὸ ὄνομα Γεθσημανῆ.  
**And they came to a place which** G2532 G2064 G1519 G5564 G3739 G3588 **was named** **Gethsemane** G3686 G1068

καὶ λέγει τοῖς μαθηταῖς αὐτοῦ Καθίσατε ὧδε ἕως  
**And he saith** G2532 G3004 G3588 **disciples** G3101 G846 **Sit ye** G2523 **here** G5602 **while** G2193

προσεύξωμαι  
**I shall pray** G4336

## Additional Cross-References

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**Mark 14:36** (Parallel theme): And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.

**Mark 14:39** (Prayer): And again he went away, and prayed, and spake the same words.

**Psalms 109:4** (Prayer): For my love they are my adversaries: but I give myself unto prayer.

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