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Matthew 26:36

Gethsemane

- Jesus was in full control of all that was and would be happening to him.

Luke 22:39 Jesus ...went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives...

- Jesus had entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and had been spending His time teaching in the Temple during the day and retiring to the Mt. of Olives in the evening:

Luke 21:37 Each day Jesus was teaching at the temple, and each evening He went out to spend the night on the hill called the Mount of Olives.

- Judas would've known Jesus' location when he led the band of soldiers to arrest Jesus.
- Jesus entered the Mt. of Olives under the direction of the Spirit as He had entered the wilderness under the leading of the Spirit (**Matt. 4**).

- What is Gethsemane? The word is taken from the Aramaic which means *an olive press*—in which the olives were placed in order to *crush* them for the release of their precious oils.

Is. 53:5 ...He was crushed for our iniquities...

- In the Incarnation, the Son of God took to himself a genuine human nature. He entered the Mt. of Olives by faith in the will of the Father being led by the Spirit.

John 6:38 I have come down from heaven not to do My will but to do the will of Him Who sent Me...

- He did this to undo all the effects of the fall so that God's people would be able to fulfill their creative purpose (**Gen. 1:26-28**).
- Jesus, the last Representative Man (**1 Cor. 15:45**), had to walk by faith, trusting and obeying God's will by the Spirit.

Rom 5:19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one Man's obedience the many will be made Righteous

1 Cor 15:22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive...

- Jesus entered the Garden bearing the full weight of His role as the Son of Man, knowing what he was about to endure as our obedient Substitute.

Is. 53:4-8 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

- Jesus knew it was the Father's will for him:

Is. 53:10 ...it was the will of the Lord to crush him...

- How was Jesus able to enter the Garden for the greatest temptation and battle of his life? By faith:

Hab 2:4 ...the righteous shall live by his faith...

- Such faith is not of the natural creation but is always of the Divine Nature:

Heb 11:6 ...without faith it is impossible to please [God]...

- This is the only faith that glorifies God because it is from God, for God and about God (**Acts 1:8**).

- Jesus decided by faith to face and overcome the greatest ordeal of His life at the highest cost to His Humanity, unlike Adam who refused to decide by faith to obey God.