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from suffering on the cross. God could have spoken one word, and Jesus would have been taken right out of the garden, and seated beside His adoring Father in heaven. But God was not WILLING for Jesus to avoid the cross. **If Jesus had NOT given His life on the cross, our sins would not be forgiven. We would be punished for our sins. We would face eternity in hell, separated from God.**

Then, with His next breath, **Jesus submitted to His Father’s will.** To submit means to give up your control to someone else, to say, “I’ll do it your way.” Jesus promised to do whatever His Father wanted Him to do. **Jesus set aside what would seem to be good (not dying on the cross) for God’s plan that was FAR better.**

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Ask: Who remembers what Jesus told the disciples to do? **Pray. Say:** They were supposed to pray. But when Jesus went to check on them, what do you think they were doing? **Sleeping. Say:** As I read these verses, I want all of you to read the bold words with me.

(Jesus) got up from prayer and went back to the disciples. He found them sleeping. They were worn out because they were very sad. “Why are you sleeping?” He asked them. “Get up! Pray that you won’t fall into sin when you are tempted.” - Mark 14:37-38

Jesus gave His beloved disciples specific instructions. He told them to pray so they wouldn’t fall into sin - the sin of not submitting to God’s will. The disciples should have listened and prayed.

Jesus stepped away from the disciples again to continue praying to His Father. Jesus was about to do something VERY difficult. He was going to give up His life. It was the very reason He had come to Earth. It was God’s plan since the beginning (Genesis 3:15). But it would NOT be easy! So, Jesus ABIDED with His Father. He rested in Him and remained with Him so God’s perfect will would be Jesus’ all-consuming thought. Jesus bowed before His Father to gain the strength He would need to accomplish God’s amazing plan.

(Matthew 26:47-56)...Say: The disciples fell asleep two more times when Jesus stepped away from them to pray. Jesus woke them up just moments before a crowd of people entered the garden. The night before Jesus was sentenced to death by crucifixion, while in the garden of Gethsemane and yet speaking (Matt, 26: 47,50) behold, Judas, one of the twelve, in the lead came up, accompanied by a great multitude with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, scribes and elders (Mark 14:43) of the people, and the one called Judas approached Jesus to kiss Him (Luke 22:47) Not only did Judas betray Jesus, but also assembled the soldiers and officers who went with him (John 18:3)

In John 18: 4-5: "Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them."

(John only tells us that Judas was standing with them. He does not mention Judas' kiss, which would have taken place just before or after Jesus' question).

Verse 6: "When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground."

Verse 7-8: "So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go."

Verse 9: "This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." Christ was born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law. So legal process matters here. For sure, what happened in the trial of Jesus was not justice. It was the greatest miscarriage of justice in the history of the world. But it was a legal process. This is why, when the court was convened, they brought out witnesses. “Now the chief priests and whole Council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward” (Mat. 26:59-60). So they brought in the witnesses one by one, and they each gave their testimony. Mark tells us that the problem with the witnesses was that they contradicted each other: “Many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree” (Mark 14:56). In the end two witnesses came forward, misquoting some words of Jesus that are recorded in John 2:19. When Jesus was asked what sign he would show them to prove that he was the Messiah, he said, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up” (John 2:19). John tells us, “He was speaking about the temple of his body” (2:21).

So what Jesus was saying was: “You will destroy the temple of my body [speaking of his crucifixion] and I will raise it up in three days [speaking of his resurrection].” But the false witnesses twist this and accuse Jesus of saying that he would destroy the city’s most prestigious building, one that had taken 46 years to build: “This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days’” (Mat. 26:61). Again Mark tells us that even in this, the two witnesses were not able to agree (Mark 14:59).

The High Priest could see that this was getting nowhere, and he lost his patience, so he, the judge, assumed the role of the prosecutor: “I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God” (Mat. 26:63).



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Services

Worship Online
Sunday Morning
10:30 A.M.

BIBLE CLASSES
Sunday Morning **Online**
9:30 A.M.

Wednesday **Online**
7:00 A.M.



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John Steve Winston was the minister of University Church in Cleveland, Ohio, and the founder of the Sound Doctrine Foundation. He was born in Arkansas and adopted by G. P Bowser. When Bowser wanted to found the Bowser Christian Institute which became the Southern Bible Institute and later Southwestern Christian College, he turned for help to Winston and R.N. Hogan, Levi Kennedy and G. E. Steward, together known as the “Big Four.” In 1982, Winston founded the J.S. Winston Foundation to help young preachers and their families and to support Southwestern Christian College. Bro. Winston and family were involved with the church in Arkansas and later in Oklahoma. His grandfather, raised a slave, became one of the pioneer preachers in Arkansas starting a church in Plummer Ville and later Northway, Arkansas, and Winston followed in his footsteps under the guidance of G. P. Bowser.



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What happened during Jesus’ last hours before His death?"

Jesus Predicts His Betrayal (John 13:21-30) ... *He said. “One of you is going to hand me over to my enemies.” They had no idea which one of them He meant. - John 13:21b-22*

One of the disciples leaned close to Jesus and asked which one of them would do this.

Jesus answered, “It is the one I will give this piece of bread to. I will give it to him after I have dipped it in the dish.”

Jesus dipped the piece of bread. Then gave it to Judas Iscariot, son of Simon. As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.

Jesus declared... Do quickly what you are going to do, - John 13:26-27

No one but Jesus and Judas knew what this meant. Then Judas ran out into the night. Judas left Jesus’ side to run to Jesus’ enemies. Matthew 26:14-16 Judas ran to the chief priests, ¹⁵ And said unto them, what will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶ And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.

Judas made a tragic choice. Jesus said, “How terrible it will be for the one who hands over the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.” (Mark 14:21)

Jeremiah 17:5 declared...Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord.

After Judas left, Jesus announced that it was time for His Father to be glorified, and that the Father would glorify Jesus (John 13:31-32). To **glorify** means to cause the greatness and worth of something or someone to be made clear. He was saying it was time for God’s greatness, mercy, grace, forgiveness, and love to be made clear. Jesus would show that He was the Savior that God had sent to earth.

Jesus told them He was about to leave them. But Peter begged to go with Jesus. Peter said He would even die for Jesus. *Then Jesus answered, “Will you really give your life for Me? What I’m about to tell you is true. Before the rooster crows, you will say three times that you don’t know Me! - John 13:38*

Peter had no idea how difficult the night ahead would be. Even Peter, the boldest disciple, would become a coward in the face of the real danger that was coming. In fact, Jesus predicted that very soon all of the disciples would turn their backs on Him. But He said His Father would never leave Him (John 16:32).

Jesus knew that He only had a short time left with His disciples. In His last hours, He taught His friends many things about Himself, the Father, the Holy Spirit, and heaven. He told them to love one another, and to trust in God (John 13:34-35, 14:1). Jesus said that He was going to prepare a place for them and one day He would come back for them (John 14:2-4). The disciples were confused about where Jesus was going, and how they would get there. Jesus spoke these important words:

“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” - John 14:6

Jesus taught them that He was the only WAY to heaven; He was the TRUTH that would set them free; and only He offered new LIFE!

After the Passover Meal was finished, John 18:1-14... Verse 1: "When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley, out to a mountain ridge called the Mount of Olives and the rest of the disciples followed Jesus to a garden called Gethsemane (John 18:2-3) **(Matthew 26:36-45, Luke 22:39-46)**

There, Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and stepped away from the others. He told His closest friends that His soul was **deeply troubled**, even to the point of death (Matthew 26:38; Mark 14:34 to keep watch for Him. This phrase means, “to watch; give strict attention to, be cautious, active; to take heed lest through remission and indolence some destructive calamity suddenly overtakes one.” Jesus knew that armed soldiers were on their way to get Him. Jesus asked his three friends to be His “lookouts” so He could focus on nothing other than praying to His heavenly Father.

*Then He went a short distance away from them. There He got down on His knees and prayed. He said, “Father, if You are willing, take this cup of suffering away from Me. **But do what You want, not what I want.**” An angel from heaven appeared to Jesus and gave Him strength. Because He was very sad and troubled, He prayed even harder. His sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. - Luke 22:41-44*

The “cup” of which Jesus spoke, is the cup of God’s wrath, or judgment, on the wicked. Psalm 75:6-10, Isaiah 51:17, Jeremiah 25:15-20, Revelation 14:9-11.

Jesus was fully God, yet He was fully human (1 Timothy 3:16) He was the hypostatic Union...the God-Man. In His human body, He did not want to suffer. He did not want to feel the shame of sin flood into His perfect body (Hebrews 12:2).

Jesus said, “Father, if You are willing, take this cup of suffering away from Me.” Please understand this: God was certainly ABLE to keep Jesus

Georgia: Election Tools, Deadlines, Dates, Rules, and Links

Voter registration deadlines

Absentee ballot application deadlines

- **In Person:** Received 4 days before Election Day.
- **By Mail:** Received 4 days before Election Day.
- **Online:** Received 4 days before Election Day.



- **In Person:** 29 days before Election Day.
- **By Mail:** Postmarked 29 days before Election Day.
- **Online:** The fifth Monday before Election Day.

In-person voter ID requirements

If you are voting in person in Georgia (including voting early), you must present one of the following forms of ID at the time you vote:

Georgia driver's license

Georgia voter ID or other ID card issued by the State of Georgia, any other state, or the US government

Employee photo ID issued by the US government, Georgia government, or any county, municipality, board, authority, or other Georgia government entity

Valid US passport

Valid US military photo ID

Student photo ID card issued by a Georgia public college, university, or technical school

Valid tribal photo ID



How to register to vote in Georgia

Use our [Register to Vote Tool](#) to fill out the National Voter Registration form.

1. Sign and date your form. This is very important!
2. Mail or hand-deliver your completed form to the address we provide.
3. Make sure you register before the voter registration deadline.

How to get an absentee ballot in Georgia

Use our [Absentee Ballot Tool](#) to prepare your application.

1. Sign and date the form. This is very important!

Return your completed application to your [Local Election Office](#) as soon as possible. We'll provide the mailing address for you.

All Local Election Offices will accept mailed or hand-delivered forms. Your [Local Election Office](#) will also let you fax or email the application.

1. Double-check the deadlines and be sure to cast your voted ballot on time to be sure it is counted.

Please contact your [Local Election Office](#) if you have any further questions about the exact process.



Offsite links..[State Election Website](#)

[Local Election Office](#): This is the government office responsible for running elections in your region. These are the best people to contact if you have any questions at all about voting in your state.

[Find your polling place](#) [Absentee ballot tracker tool](#)