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Jesus' Gethsemane Prayer, Trials & Death

Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" . . .
John 18:37-38a

I. Gethsemane was a place of prayer.

A. **Solitude**

And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed,
Luke 22:41

B. **Surrender**

saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done."
Luke 22:42

C. **Strengthening**

And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him.
Luke 22:43

Application: Prayer strengthens us more than alters the circumstances.

II. Caiaphas' House was a place of pretending.

A. Judas pretended to be a friend of Jesus.

but Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?"
Luke 22:48

B. Peter pretended not to be a follower of Jesus.

And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean." But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.
Luke 22:59-60

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C. Caiaphas pretended to be faithful to God.

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led him away to their council . . .
Luke 22:66a

Application: Pray for authenticity.

III. Pilate's Palace was a place of indecision.

A. The Jews' accusations of Jesus

Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. And they began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king."
Luke 23:1-2

B. Pilate's apprehension of Jesus

And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so."
Luke 23:3

C. Pilate's avoidance to decide

Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man."
Luke 23:4

But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted.
Luke 23:23-24

Application: To not make a decision is a decision.

IV. Golgotha was a place of sacrifice.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots.
Matthew 27:33-35

" . . . If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." Matthew 27:40b

Why Jesus did not come down off the cross:

A. **Love**

B. **Prophecy**

C. **Forgiveness of sin**

When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"
Matthew 27:54

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