

A script from



## **“The Last Days: The Garden of Gethsemane”**

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**What** A narrative of those moments had by Jesus and His disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane just before His arrest and ultimate crucifixion. Themes: Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus, Prayer, Crucifixion, Disciples, Loyalty, Betrayal, Judas

**Who** Narrator 1  
Narrator 2  
(One male and one female works best)

**When** Biblical times

**Wear  
(Props)** 2 stools and music stands  
Narrators should be in neutral colors

You can go as elaborate or simple as you like with set dressing. Some suggestions are to dim the lights or use two spotlights to create the feeling of a quiet, cool night in a garden. You could also have some props on set such as a sword, or a beautiful painting of an artist’s interpretation of Jesus praying.

**Why** Luke 22, John 18

**How** With this script you are telling a story. Think of it as if you were reading a storybook to a child. It’s so easy to read Scripture blandly and without feeling or emotion like we do many times when asked to read during our Sunday School lesson. But the Word is filled with drama and suspense and emotion. So really bring that out with this retelling of Jesus and His disciples in the garden!

**Time** Approximately 3-4 minutes

*Narrators enter and address the audience.*

- Narrator 1:** It was a still, cool night. Jesus led his Disciples through the darkness up a narrow path on the Mount of Olives to a garden called Gethsemane. As they reach the spot Jesus turned to them and said, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."
- Narrator 2:** He asked Peter, James and John to go just a little further with him. They could see a sort of sadness and trouble written in the furrowed brow of their Rabbi and then he turned to them and said, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here. Keep watch with me."
- Narrator 1:** They stayed where Jesus had asked them to stay. They watched him as he withdrew from them about a stone's throw away into the garden until he was just out of sight. How long would he be? Jesus often prayed alone and for a long time with his Father. So they sat down and rested from the walk wearied by their own sorrow.
- Narrator 2:** Jesus fell with his face to the ground. With his face to the ground he prayed most earnestly, "My Father, if it is possible...if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me." In anguish he prayed and his sweat fell like drops of blood to the ground.
- Narrator 1:** The cup was bitter. Jesus prayed for that dreadful cup to be taken away. He prayed that if it were possible the lamb didn't have to be slain.
- Narrator 2:** Rising, Jesus returned to where he asked his disciples to remain vigilant with him and he found them...dead asleep.
- Narrator 1:** "Could you keep watch with me for one hour?" He asked then added again, "Watch. Pray so that YOU will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."
- Narrator 2:** Again, after entreating them once more he went back to pray saying, "Abba, Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done. Your will be done."
- Narrator 1:** And coming to his feet again he returned to his disciples. Would they be alert for him? Praying for him? Standing guard for him, their friend?
- Narrator 2:** Sound asleep again. Unable or unwilling to stay awake. Perhaps they don't understand what's at stake.

**Narrator 1:** Jesus pleads with his friends again to keep watch with him to the end.

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**ENDING:**

**Narrator 1:** "Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen this way?"

**Narrator 2:** And reaching out, Jesus touched the man's ear and as quickly as he was wounded he was healed.

**Narrator 1:** They dragged Jesus away, bound and chained. The cup was poured and ready for the drinking.

**Narrator 2:** And speaking to the crowd, and an evil unseen, Jesus said, "This is your hour-when darkness reigns."

**Narrator 1:** And with that, his disciples deserted him and ran away.

*Lights fade. The end.*