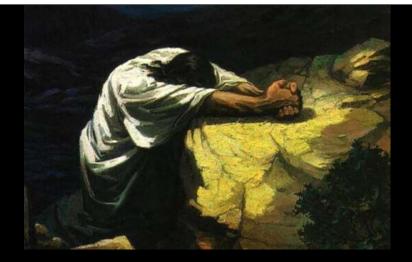
## Gethsemane's Tale

Minutes after the Passover meal, Jesus, accompanied by three of his disciples: Peter, James and John, were approaching a glorious sight. It was the garden of Gethsemane. Jesus usually went to the garden to pray and find inner peace as well as happiness. The sour, olivey scents from the emerald-like possession, from chocolatey brown trees, the sweet little olives levitated in the bitter night-time air. Now Jesus, full of anguish and confusion, his heart pounded as it got louder and louder and heavier and heavier. But before all of this, Jesus asked his disciples with love and care "please keep watch while I go and pray so I can spend time with my Father for I have been betrayed on this night."

As the different musty scents swayed in the air, Jesus came by a rock just where the moon had rested, he finally reached the dull, crooked nook and threw himself onto the ground in solemnness. He prayed to His almighty God "Father, please, please is there another way, any other way, take this evil cup away! Take it away, it will be your will, your will not mine, not my will, please Father, please Father is there any other way, a way out Father other than death." Jesus knew he had this choice now and forever or run in his own will. He also knew the disciple who would betray him, it was Judas for it had been told in the prophet and last but not least he knew this is why he came to our world to save us from life in the darkness.

Jesus showed his divine heart as he cautiously accepted God's will, however, upsettingly, this meant suffering and death for this was God's will and everyone would think would he fulfil this will? He slowly (and solemnly) went back to his disciples and found them sleeping. With his loving mercy Jesus woke them up and said "Simon, Peter couldn't you stay awake even for a single hour? "My soul is sad, my heart breaking this night. Why couldn't you comfort me until light? Please stay awake and pray to the land!"

The disciples now saw the anxiety on his sweaty face and felt ashamed. Once again Jesus left his tired disciples and ventured further into the garden more upset and stressed than ever before he managed to organise himself. He finally, slowly and solemnly returned to His disciples for the third and final time. But before he knew it his time had come. He now woke the exhausted disciples for the third time as the clashing and clanging of the armour could be heard. Jesus exclaimed my betrayer is now here! The disciples squinted in disbelief to find Judas holding a lamp with a Roman legionnaire behind him as well as the High Priest coming towards them with hefty looking bodies. Judas hurried to Jesus and gave him a kiss. With a warm heart Jesus said "Judas you betrayed me with a kiss?" Just then the Romans all ran out of the wondrous greenery and Jesus said "Who do you seek, I am Jesus of Nazareth?" The evil-headed soldiers grasped him like a level 100 criminal. Peter angrily cut off one of the soldiers ears but Jesus reacted and said "Peter No!" He performed one last miracle and healed the soldier's bleeding ear and, shocked, the disciples fled.



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