John 11:47 (NLT) Then the leading priests and Pharisees called the high council together. "What are we going to do? they asked each other. This man certainly performs many miraculous signs.

John 11:48-49 (NLT) If we allow him to go on like this, soon everyone will believe in him. Then the Roman army will come and destroy both our Temple and our nation. <sup>49</sup> Caiaphas, who was high priest at that time, said, You don't know what you're talking about!

John 11:50 (NLT) You don't realize that it's better for you that one man should die for the people than for the whole nation to be destroyed. Matthew 26:14-15 (NLT) Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve disciples, went to the leading priests <sup>15</sup> and asked, How much will you pay me to betray Jesus to you? And they gave him thirty pieces of silver.

# With Jesus in the GARDEN

Matthew 26:36-56

John 11:48 (NLT) If we allow Him to go on like this, soon everyone will BELIEVE in Him. Then the Roman army will come and DESTROY both our Temple and our Nation. Mark 14:36 (NIV) **Abba, Father**, He said, **everything is possible for YOU.** Take this cup from Me. Yet NOT what I will, but what YOU will. Luke 22:43-44 (NIV) An ANGEL from heaven appeared to Him and strengthened Him. <sup>44</sup> And being in anguish, He prayed more earnestly, and His sweat was like drops of BLOOD falling to the ground. Luke 22:45 (NIV) ...He found them asleep, exhausted from SORROW.

## LESSONS From the GARDEN... 1- Jesus's DEATH was by His own CHOICE

Mark 8:31 (NIV)

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man MUST suffer many things and be REJECTED by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that He MUST be KILLED and after three days rise again.

#### 2- Jesus died because He Surrendered to God's PURPOSES

Philippians 2:6, 8 (JBP) He, who had always been God by NATURE, did not cling to His prerogatives as God's equal, but stripped Himself of ALL privilege... <sup>8</sup> And, having become man, He humbled Himself by living a life of UTTER OBEDIENCE, even to the extent of dying...

## John 12:27 (NIV) Now My heart is troubled, and what shall I say? Father, save ME from this hour? NO, it was FOR this very reason I CAME to THIS hour.

#### 3- We have the FREEDOM to Pour our Hearts OUT to God

<sup>39</sup>...He fell with His face to the ground and prayed, My Father, IF it is possible, may this cup be taken from ME

Psalm 62:5-8 (NLT) Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for **my HOPE is in Him**. <sup>6</sup> He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will not be shaken.<sup>7</sup> My victory and honor come from God alone. He is my refuge, a rock where no enemy can reach me.<sup>8</sup> O my people, trust in Him at all times. Pour OUT your heart to Him, for God IS our refuge.

### 4- God SAID NO to His ONLY Son

John 18:10-11 (NIV) Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear... <sup>11</sup> Jesus commanded Peter, Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the CUP the Father has given me?

Luke 22:51 (NIV) ...No more of this! And HE touched the man's ear and HEALED him. Zechariah 13:7 (NIV) ...Strike the SHEPHERD, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn my hand against the little ones.

# Jesus was in CONTROL of Everything that Happened

<sup>50</sup> Jesus replied, Friend,DO what you came for...

John 13:27 (NIV) As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. What you are about to do, DO quickly, Jesus told him... Mark 10:45 (NIV) For even the **Son of Man** did **NOT** come to be **served**, **but to SERVE**, and to give HIS life as a **RANSOM** for many. Jesus' whole LIFE was about...
≻Fulfilling SCRIPTURE
≻Fulfilling God's PLAN

Matthew 11:3 (NIV) ...Are YOU the ONE who was to come, or should we expect someone else?

Matthew 11:4-5 (NIV) Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> The **blind receive sight**, the **lame walk**, those who have **leprosy** are **cured**, the **deaf hear**, the **dead** are **raised**, and the good news is preached to the poor.

John 19:15 (NIV) But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him! Shall I crucify your king? Pilate asked. We have no king but Caesar, the chief priests answered.

# AT THE CROSS...

God Poured Out His WRATH on Sin

2 Cor. 5:21 (NIV) God made Him who had NO sin to BE sin for us, so that IN HIM we might become the righteousness of God.

## AT THE CROSS...

Jesus Payed in FULL for ALL OUR sins

1 Pet. 3:18 (NIV) For Christ died for sins ONCE FOR ALL, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God...

### AT THE CROSS...

# God offers Salvation FREELY to ALL who BELIEVE

Rom. 3:22 (NLT) We are made right with God by placing our FAITH in Jesus Christ. And this is TRUE for everyone who BELIEVES, no matter who we are.