

Road to Atonement

A lush, multi-level garden with stone paths, manicured hedges, and various flowering plants. The garden is filled with greenery, including tall trees, dense hedges, and numerous flowering bushes in shades of purple, pink, and white. A stone path winds through the garden, leading to a central circular area with a small fountain. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and serene.

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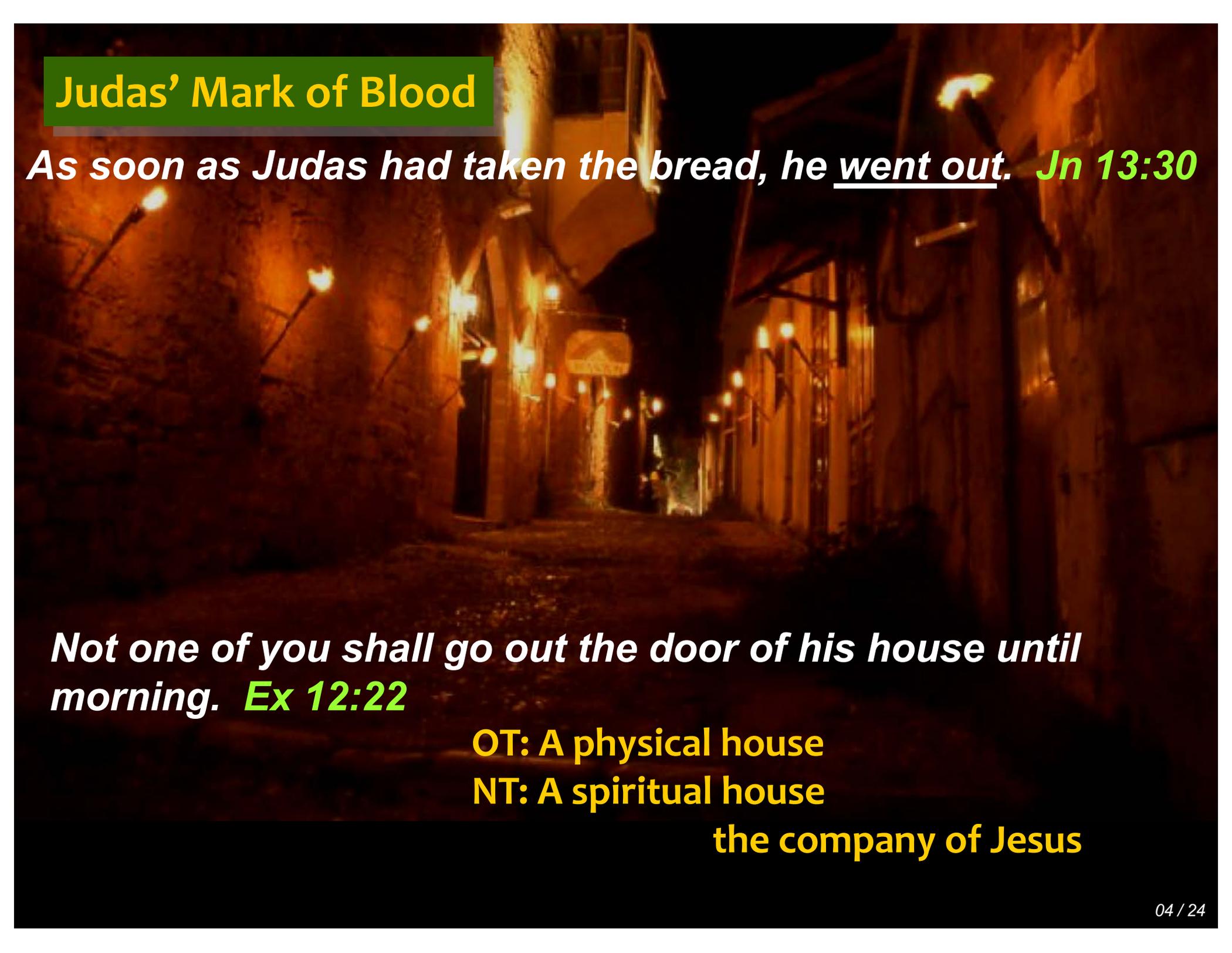
Prayer in the Garden

Prayer and Intercession

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Lk 22:39





Judas' Mark of Blood

As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. **Jn 13:30**

Not one of you shall go out the door of his house until morning. **Ex 12:22**

OT: A physical house

NT: A spiritual house

the company of Jesus

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*Early in the morning [Job] would sacrifice a burnt offering for each of [his children]... This was Job's regular custom. *Job 1:5**

*A man *regularly* dedicated to prayer for others*

A man God uses in the salvation of their friends



Jesus and Job: Priests of Melchizedek



“I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.” Jn 17:9

“My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer and not deal with you according to your folly”... So [they] did what the LORD told them; and the LORD accepted Job’s prayer. Job 42:8-10

The Road to Atonement focuses on the atonement of *others*
Are my prayers focused on the needs of others?

Jesus Submits

(A scene which proves Jesus and God are different)

Concept of Obedience;
Concept of Submission

*“Father, if you are willing,
take this cup from me; yet
not my will, but yours be
done.”* **Luke 22:42**

If Jesus is God, there is no
distinction between obedience
and self-indulgence



Why Did Jesus Die?

“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” Lk 22:42

**Jesus had our inherent desire to sin
Heb 4:15**

- ⇒ His mortal body couldn't realize his godly intent **1 Cor 15:50**
- ⇒ His Father promised death can't hold the holy **Psa 16:10**
- ⇒ Fighting the wobbly shopping cart for eternity – even successfully – isn't perfection, it's punishing



Some things inherently want to run off-straight

God wants His children to enjoy perfection

Grasping Equality with God



*Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. **Phil 2:5-7***

*When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good... she took some and ate it. **Gen 3:4-6***

The Covenant of the Garden

*“You will not surely die,” the serpent said to the woman.
“For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be
opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”*

Gen 3:4-5

Principle: You don't become God by being ungodly

The Nature and Name of God

Your attitude should be the same as... Jesus: who, being in very nature God, [took] the very nature of a servant...

[Aside] So is Jesus actually God?

- No, concepts of Submission & Obedience in Garden
- No, context shows “Nature” = attitude, not biology

Did God exalt Jesus because he humbled himself as a servant, which is the opposite role to a god? – c.f. *Jam 4:10; Mt 23:12*

- Not quite: is illogical and violates central principle

Principle: You don't become God by being ungodly

- God rewards Jesus with His Name for becoming a servant
because that's who God really is

Midwife to the Mountain Goats



***“I am shepherd to the stars,
chef to the lions and ravens;
& midwife to the mountain goats.”***
Job 38:31-39:3, paraphrase



**We are commended to the servant's
role *because it is God's/Jesus' role***

The Servant Ruler

*[God] is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. **Acts 17:25***

Jesus had the same attitude as God,

- => so Jesus ruled through service, as God does**
- => God saw Jesus behave the same way He does**
- => So God gave Jesus the same Name He has**

*Your attitude should be the same as... Jesus: who, being in very nature God, [took] the very nature of a servant... Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name **Phil 2:5-9***



Choreography of Gethsemane

West ↔ East

"Come now; let us leave." **Jn 14:31**

When he had finished praying, Jesus left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. **Jn 18:1**

house

Temple

Jerusalem

Mt Zion

Mt Moriah

Garden of Gethsemane

Mt of Olives

Kidron Valley

Choreography of Gethsemane

West ↔ East

Glory of God
departs East & up
Ezek 10

Glory
of
God

advent

Jesus

Apostles

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Mt Moriah

Judas' mob

Mt of Olives

Holy Place

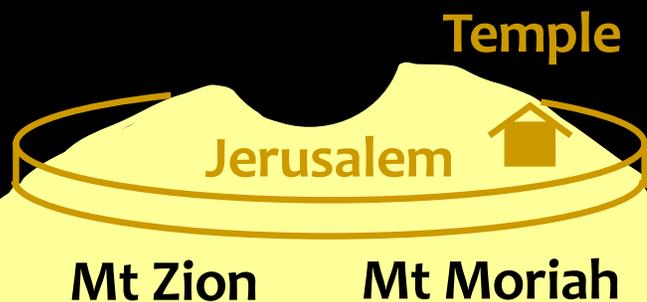
Kidron Valley

Choreography of Gethsemane

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*“So when you see standing in the **holy place** ‘the abomination that causes desolation,’ spoken of through the prophet Daniel —**let the reader understand**— then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.” **Mt 24:15-16***

Glory
of
God



Garden of
Gethsemane

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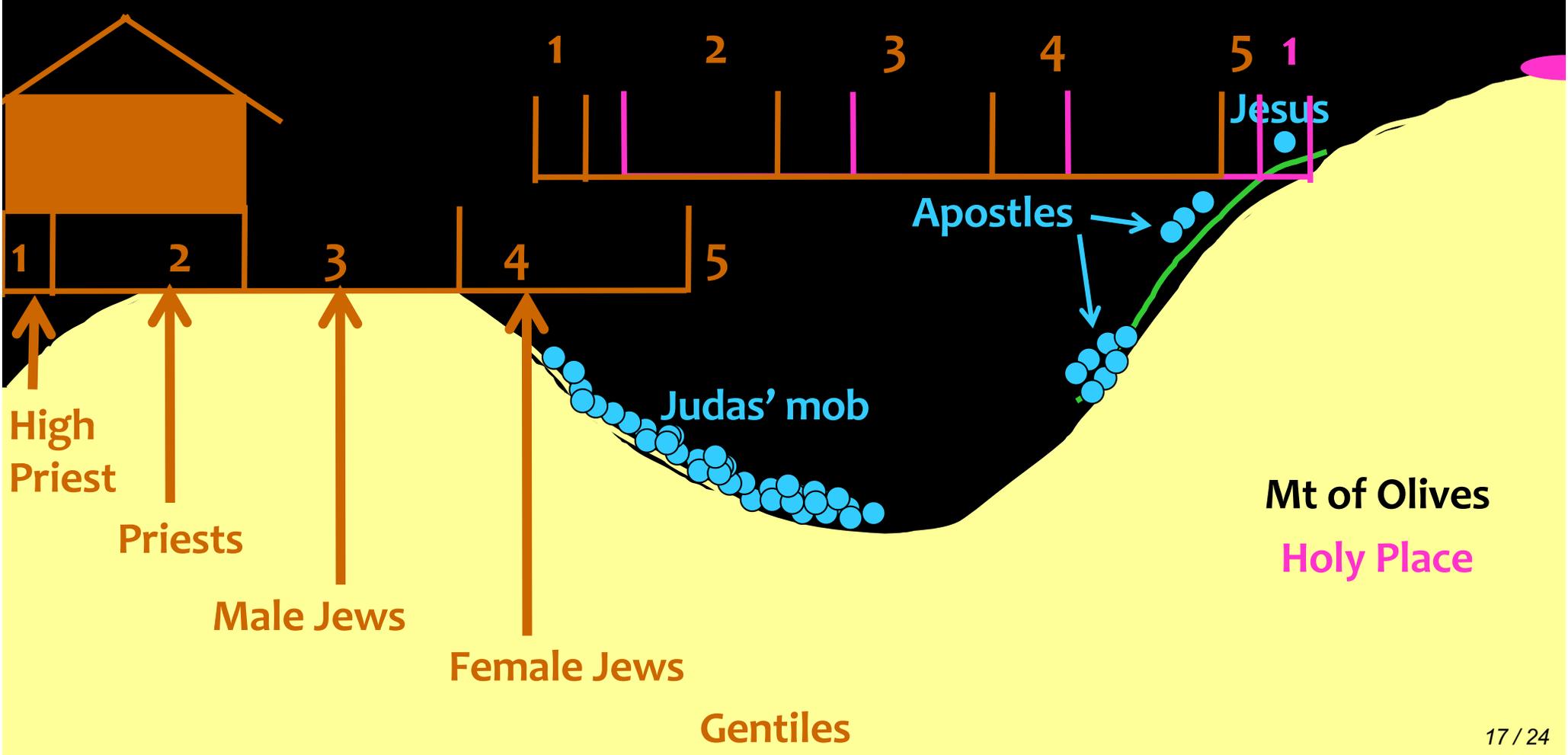
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Glory of God

Jewish Scheme

Divine Scheme

Temple



Swordplay in the Garden

Peter strikes!

When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?" And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And he touched the man's ear and healed him.

Lk 22:49-51

**Peter could be forgiven for confusion here -
had not his Lord *requested* swords?**

"...if you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one."

Lk 22:36

So what "swordplay" was Jesus looking for?

Swordplay in the Garden

Jesus' Command

*"...if you don't have a sword,
sell your cloak and buy one."*

Lk 22:36

*"shed zealous vengeance [cloak]
to allow God's Plan [sword] to be
achieved [i.e. Jesus' death]"*

Zealous vengeance

Isa 59:17

**Spiritual world
is opposite to
Natural world**

*The Spirit, The Word
of God Eph 6:17*

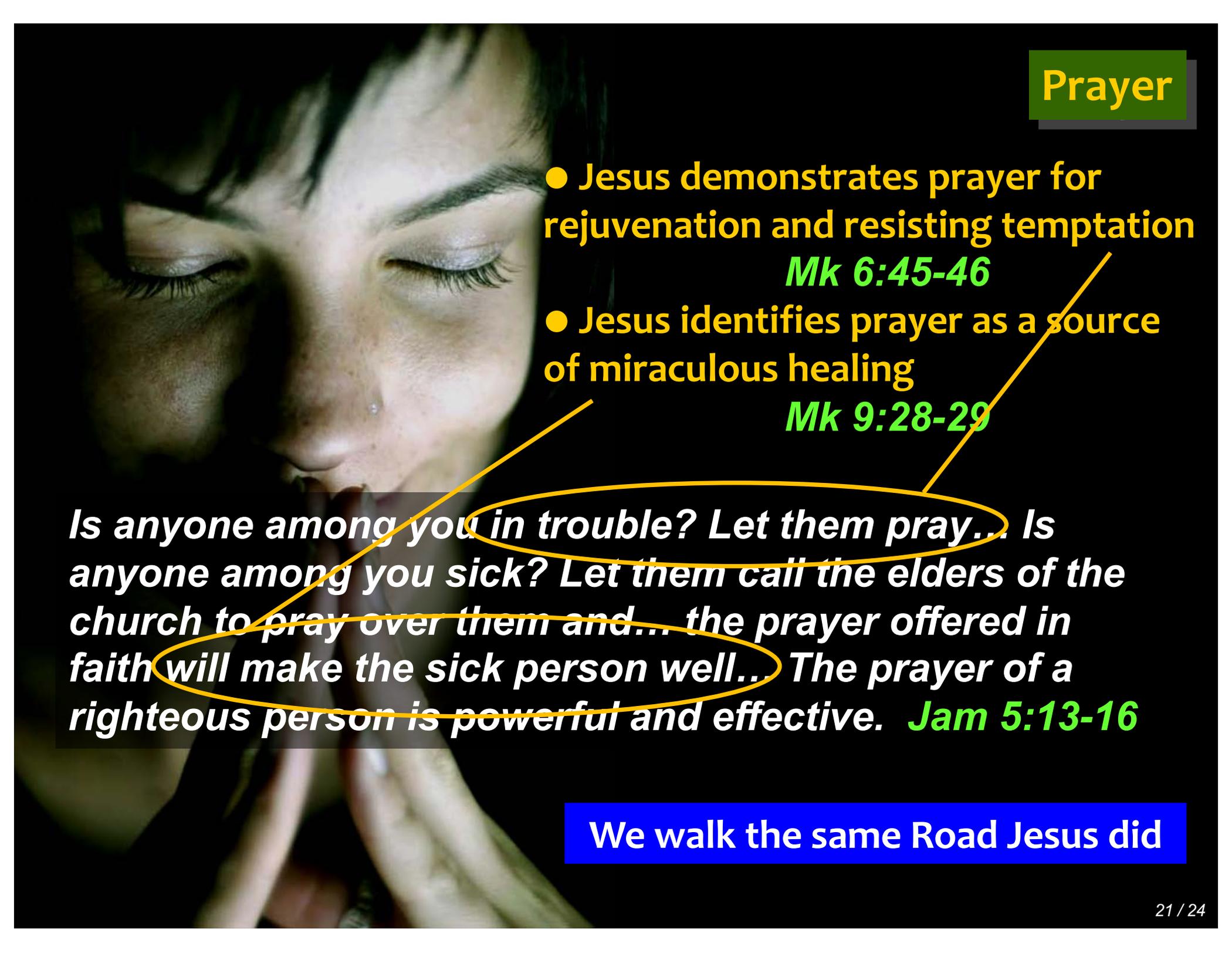
**How do I wield
my sword?**

Our Swordplay

*I felt I had to write and urge you to **contend** for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints. **Jude 3***

επ – agonize – μαι

‘Agonizing’ suggests an internal and personal effort –
Contending within, not being contentious without



Prayer

- Jesus demonstrates prayer for rejuvenation and resisting temptation

Mk 6:45-46

- Jesus identifies prayer as a source of miraculous healing

Mk 9:28-29

*Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray... Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and... the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well... The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. **Jam 5:13-16***

We walk the same Road Jesus did

Prayer

**Must investigate the nature of my prayers:
- How do I pray?**

“There was a man who had two sons...” **Lk 15:11-32**

Two different prayers

“There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said... ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’” Lk 15:11-12

**Which one is
my prayer?**

“Father, Give me...”

“Father, Make me...”



“When he came to his senses, he said... ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.’” Lk 15:17-19

My Prayer in the Garden



Do I pray: “Father, give me”
or “Father make me”?

The Mark of Blood

My identity in Christ comes from
my actions beyond the meal

Prayer in the Garden

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or "Father make me"?

Trial of Faith

Road to Atonement

We walk the same road Jesus
did – the Road to Atonement

*Simon Peter asked him, "Lord, where
are you going?" Jesus replied, "Where I
am going, you cannot follow now, but
you will follow later." Jn 13:35-36*