

**Portland Area Bible Students**  
**2026 Memorial Study #3**

**R:2773 GETHSEMANE – WATCHING AND PRAYING.**

**R:5550 WHY GETHSEMANE'S AGONY?**

(These two articles are also in Memorial Meditations pages 358 & 373)

1) Just prior to the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus' final words were largely about his desire for *unity among his disciples*. Why was this lesson so vital?

John 13:12-16, 34-35, 14:10-18, 20-21, 15:7-13, 17, 17:9, 20-22. Also, Luke 22:19, 24-27.

2) In Gethsemane (the oil press), Jesus was under the greatest stress. Why did he have this *sudden* anxiety? How was it resolved?

Matt.26:37-45, Mk.14:29-42, Luke 22:39-47, John 16:32, 17:4-5 - here Jesus still seemed at peace and confident.

3) In the moments of his deepest physical suffering, who was Jesus mindful of? How might we follow the beautiful examples that he left us?

John 19:25-27, Luke 23:39-43.

4) How great *were* the sufferings of Jesus? Why were they *permitted* to be so extremely severe?

R:2758 "I will submit my will to the Father's will most absolutely, and carry out to the very jot and tittle the spirit as well as the letter of my covenant. Let the Father's will be done in every particular; it must be the wisest and best, else it would not be his plan. It is for this very purpose that I came to this hour, that I might manifest, demonstrate, to the Father my devotion, my most implicit obedience to his will. Proceed, Father! Glorify thine own name and in thine own way, at whatever the cost to me!"