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After dinner, Jesus spent time talking and praying with his 11 remaining disciples. Leaving the upper room, the group went to a place outside the city of Jerusalem, across the Kidron Valley, called the Mount of Olives. They would have seen a stunning view of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives.

A peaceful garden surrounding an olive grove stood nestled on the mount. Called the Garden of Gethsemane, its name came from the Hebrew *Gat Shemen*, meaning "olive press".

When he arrived at the Garden, Jesus asked His disciples to wait and keep watch as he prayed a short distance away. In great anguish, Jesus prayed he would not have to suffer the horror He knew was just ahead. As his disciples slept, He pleaded:

Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will but Yours be done.

After he finished praying, Jesus asked his disciples why they had fallen asleep. In the meantime, Judas led a band of men into the Garden. Their purpose was to arrest Jesus.

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