



Smith Rock  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sermon notes  
and  
study guide

**For the week of  
28th March 2021  
“In the Garden”**



# **IN the Garden**

Matthew 26:36-56 or page 781 in a church bible.

## **Main points**

### **1. A** \_\_\_\_\_

*13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"— 14 yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. 15 Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." 16 As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. 17 So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.*

James 4:13–17 (ESV)

## **2. A** \_\_\_\_\_

10      *The heart knows its own bitterness,  
and no stranger shares its joy.*

Proverbs 14:10 (ESV)

## **3. A** \_\_\_\_\_

6 *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."*

John 14:6–7 (ESV)

## **4. A** \_\_\_\_\_

4 *I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."*

John 10:14–18 (ESV)

# WHAT NEXT?



**What have you heard God say to you this morning and what are you going to do with what you heard?**

**What was the main point of the sermon?**

**What stood out for you in this text.**

**What is one thing you are going to do with what you  
heard this next week**

30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. 31 Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' 32 But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." 33 Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." 34 Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." 35 Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!" And all the disciples said the same.

36 Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." 37 And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. 38 Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." 39 And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." 40 And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? 41 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." 42 Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." 43 And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. 44 So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. 45 Then he came to the

*disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."*

*47 While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. 48 Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him." 49 And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him. 50 Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. 51 And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. 52 Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. 53 Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? 54 But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?" 55 At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. 56 But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled.*

*Matthew 26:30–56 (ESV)*

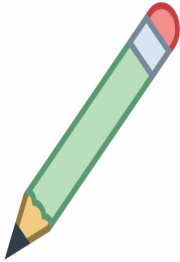
# Sermon notes

*for kids*

Favourite song today



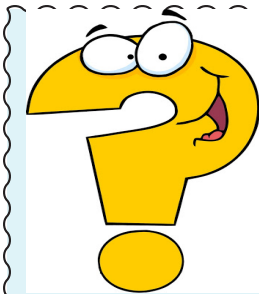
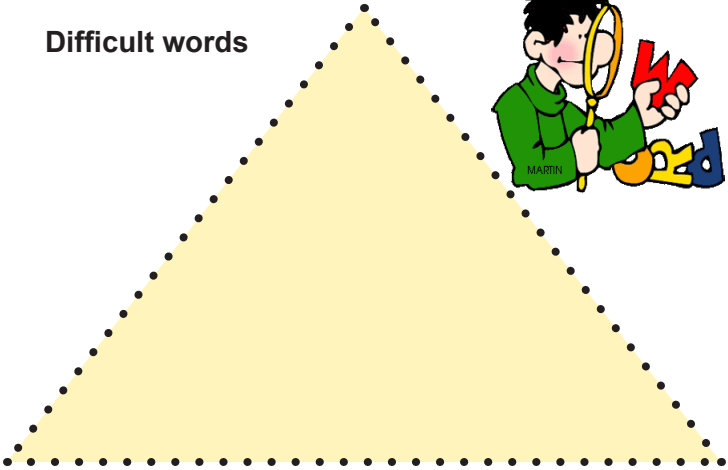
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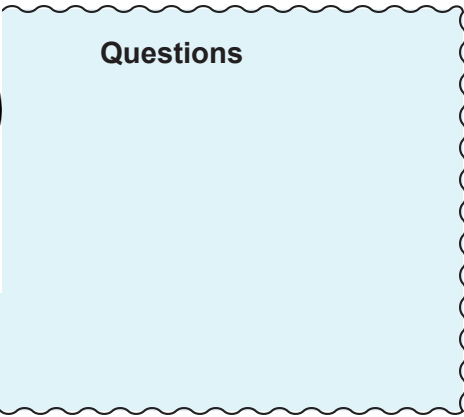


NAME OF THE BOOK

Difficult words



Questions



Today I learned

Four horizontal lines for writing, set against a light orange background.



**Further study for** *Groups and individuals*

**Review**

Look back at last week's sermon notes and take a moment to review what you wrote you were going to take action on.

How did it go? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What did you learn? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Where is the best garden you have ever visited? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What made it so good? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Why do you think people in general like nice gardens? \_\_\_\_\_  
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As Jesus led the disciple to the Garden of Gethsemane that night, what do you think they thought was going to happen? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Have you ever been in a situation where you didn't know what to do or say? \_\_\_\_\_  
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How does it make you feel when you find yourself in situations where you don't know what to say or do? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why do we think we feel compelled to answer questions we don't know the answer to? \_\_\_\_\_

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In Luke's Gospel Jesus tells Peter;

*31 "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, 32 but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."*

Luke 22:31–32 (ESV)

God apparently gave Satan permission!

Have you ever raced to answer God before you really understood what God was doing? How did it work out?

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Writing to the church in Galatia Paul tells them:

*6 Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if anyone thinks he is some-*

*thing, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. 5 For each will have to bear his own load.*

Galatians 6:1–5 (ESV)

Discuss the difference between the burdens we need to share with each other and the load which is ours alone? \_\_\_\_\_

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How easy do you find it to open your life to others to pray for you? \_\_\_\_\_

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*2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." 3 Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.*

*4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers."*

1 Kings 19:2–4 (ESV)

What makes you run and want to hide? \_\_\_\_\_

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Where do you hide? \_\_\_\_\_

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The author of Hebrews says;

*3 Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. 4 In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.*

Hebrews 12:3–4 (ESV)

Why do we find it hard to stay “in the gap?” \_\_\_\_\_

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Paul writing to the Ephesian church says;

*4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.*

Ephesians 2:4–7 (ESV)

How does this give us authority to live as Jesus did? \_\_\_\_\_

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