

## **Luke 22:35-53**

<sup>35</sup>Then Jesus asked them, “When I sent you without purse, bag or sandals, did you lack anything?” “Nothing,” they answered. <sup>36</sup>He said to them, “But now if you have a purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you don’t have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one. <sup>37</sup>It is written: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors’; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment.” <sup>38</sup>The disciples said, “See, Lord, here are two swords.” “That’s enough!” he replied.

<sup>39</sup>Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him.<sup>40</sup> On reaching the place, he said to them, “Pray that you will not fall into temptation.” <sup>41</sup>He withdrew about a stone’s throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, <sup>42</sup>“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” <sup>43</sup>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. <sup>45</sup>When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. <sup>46</sup>“Why are you sleeping?” he asked them. “Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.”

<sup>47</sup>While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him,<sup>48</sup> but Jesus asked him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?” <sup>49</sup>When Jesus’ followers saw what was going to happen, they said, “Lord, should we strike with our swords?” <sup>50</sup>And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. <sup>51</sup>But Jesus answered, “No more of this!” And he touched the man’s ear and healed him. <sup>52</sup>Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? <sup>53</sup>Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour - when darkness reigns.”

## **Series: God’s Story: Finding Our Place in His Unfolding Plan**

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### **Luke 22:35-53 – Gethsemane: Does God Really Understand?**

#### **God the Almighty**

*If you could describe God with five adjectives, what would they be? Can you think of examples in Scripture, or in your life, to explain your choices?*

*Do we ever emphasize God’s power and perfection, neglecting His nearness and love?*

#### **Jesus’s Agony (35-53)**

*What happens to Jesus at the Garden of Gethsemane? Do we see evidence that He is aware, and in control?*

#### **Power Restrained**

*John 18:3-11 – How is Jesus’s power on display at the time of His arrest?*

*Matthew 26:53-54 – How does Jesus explain His willingness to be arrested?*

*John 1:14-18 & Philippians 2:6-8 – why was it God’s will for Jesus to live with us and die for us? What does that accomplish?*

*Can you think of any other examples of this, from your life?*

#### **True Compassion**

*What does compassion mean? Though God spoke of His compassion in the Old Testament, how did He show it in the New Testament?*

*Do you view God as compassionate and understanding?*

*Do you feel confident to approach the almighty God in relationship?*

*When facing judgment, will you point to your own works, or are your faith and hope completely in Christ’s work on your behalf?*