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

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

When he arrived at the Garden (also known as the Garden of Olives), Jesus asked His disciples to wait and keep watch as <u>he prayed</u> a short distance away. In great anguish, Jesus prayed he would not have to suffer the horror He knew waited just ahead.

As his disciples slept, <u>He pleaded</u>:

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 was leading a band of men into the Garden.

Their purpose was to arrest Jesus.

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