

Pastor Roy's Sermon on Matthew 26:30-56 (April 22, 2026)

—Below are questions from that lesson to further our understanding—

1. Jesus told His disciples they would all fall away, yet Peter insisted he never would. When have you been overly confident in your own spiritual strength, only to discover the weakness of your flesh?
2. The disciples could not stay awake to pray with Jesus for even one hour in His greatest time of need. What distractions or weaknesses prevent you from being spiritually alert when it matters most?
3. Jesus prayed 'not as I will, but as you will' while facing unimaginable suffering. How do you reconcile surrendering to God's will when His plan involves pain or hardship in your own life?
4. Peter boldly declared he would die with Jesus, yet fled when the moment came. How can we cultivate genuine commitment to Christ rather than making empty promises in moments of spiritual enthusiasm?
5. Jesus could have called twelve legions of angels to rescue Him but chose not to. What does this teach us about the nature of true power and the importance of fulfilling God's purposes over self-preservation?
6. Judas greeted Jesus with a kiss and called Him 'Rabbi' while betraying Him. In what subtle ways might we betray Christ while maintaining outward religious appearances?
7. The religious leaders arrested Jesus under cover of darkness, violating their own laws. How do we see people today justifying unlawful or unethical actions in the name of religious or righteous purposes?
8. Jesus warned that 'the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.' What practical steps can we take to strengthen ourselves against temptation when our spirit desires obedience but our flesh resists?
9. All the disciples abandoned Jesus and fled despite their earlier promises of loyalty. How should we respond when we recognize we have failed Christ in our own moments of testing?
10. Jesus repeatedly told His disciples about His coming death and resurrection, yet they seemed oblivious to what was happening. What important truths might God be revealing to us that we are currently missing or ignoring?