

Site: Garden of Gethsemane means “Oil Press”

Scripture References: Matthew 26:36-56; Mark 14:32-50; Luke 22:39-53; John 18:1-12; Romans 5:18-19

Historical Significance:

1. Location where Jesus prayed before his arrest and crucifixion.

Things to look for:

1. Church of All Nations was built 1919-1924.
Rock of Agony is located inside where it is believed Jesus knelt and prayed.
2. Olive trees. Although these trees were probably not present during Jesus' lifetime, their roots may be offshoots of the 1st century trees of Jesus' time.

What does this site teach us about God?

1. We walk in gardens of decision everyday. We need to take God at His word and be faithful. It is always worth it.
2. When God's will for you seems anything but good you will fight no better battle than the surrender of your will especially when you can make no sense of it all. Surrender in absolute trust to the Father just as Jesus did at Gethsemane. It remains the only path to peace.