

## Lesson 57 Matthew 26. 44-46 Jesus teaching on apostasy or betrayal

### *A third prayer*

Jesus went forward and prayed a third time-the same thing. "Father if it is not possible that this cup pass from me unless I drink it, Your will be done" While there was appeal in this vow there just was no alternative to the cross. In life we find ourselves up against it where there is no alternative to going through with a certain course of action.

### *The hour is near*

Jesus said, "Are you still sleeping and resting?" "Behold the hour is near and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners". In the gospel of John we are made more familiar with "the hour" We read of it in John 7.30, 8.20 and especially 12.27. Of all the period Jesus lived on the earth that of "betrayal" was his worst hour.

### *Arise let us go*

Jesus did not slink away-he bravely rose to meet those who came against Him. He called on his disciples to be awake and to go with him. He pointed somewhere into the darkness and towards the approaching betrayer coming along. "Behold my betrayer is very close".



### *From paper to practice.*

1 Is there evidence of betrayal or apostasy today?

2 Does a Christian practicing a homosexual life style fit this category? (cf Revelation 21.8)