

## **SURRENDER**

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Jesus took Peter, John and James to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray on the night before his death. The disciples Peter, John and James represent our powers of Faith, Love and Discernment, and Jesus represents the Christ or I AM consciousness within us.

### **IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE**

Matt. 26:30, 36-46

From TruthUnity.net - Mark Hicks

In this incident we have an illustration of a powerful, "last-ditch" resurgence of the human nature factors in the soul of Jesus. This is expressed in some of His words. Perhaps nowhere else in the Gospels does this strictly human level of Him find such poignant expression. We can clearly see the characteristics of personal consciousness coming out in the following utterances:

"My soul is very sorrowful, even to death ..."

"My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me..."

"... could you not watch with me one hour?"

"My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, thy will be done."

If these statements do not illustrate the Christ aspect of Jesus, they most certainly do illustrate the "son of man" aspect of Him. As such, they help us understand the fears of human personality, or personal ego, in our own "crucifixion experiences." Yet the full transformation of consciousness cannot take place until our human will totally surrenders and can say, "thy will be done."

"Most of us have an innate shrinking from saying, 'Thy will be done.' Because of false teaching, and from associations, we have believed that this prayer, if answered, would take away from us all that gives us joy or happiness. Surely nothing could be further from the truth. Oh, how we have tried to crowd the broad love of God into the narrow limits of man's mind! The grandest, most generous, loving father that ever lived is but the least bit of God's fatherhood manifested through the flesh. God's will for us means more love, more purity, more power, more joy in our lives every day" (How I Used Truth 31-32).



## METAPHYSICAL MEANING OF GETHSEMANE

From the Metaphysical Bible Dictionary by Charles Fillmore

Gethsemane, geth-sem'-a-ne (Gk. fr. Heb.)--oil press; press for extracting unguents and ointments.

A garden near Jerusalem, at the foot of the Mount of Olives; it was the scene of the agony and betrayal of Jesus (Matt. 26:36).

Metaphysical. The struggle that takes place within the consciousness when Truth is realized as the one reality. All the good is pressed out and saved and the error is denied away. This is often agony--the suffering that the soul undergoes in giving up its cherished idols or in letting go of human consciousness.

The great work of every one is to incorporate the Christ mind in soul and body. The process of eliminating the old consciousness and entering into the new may be compared to the "wind press and oil": a press is an emblem of trial, distress, agony, while oil points to Spirit and illumination. This is the meaning of Gethsemane.