## MATTHEW 26: August 15; Watch and Pray

ANALYSIS:  1. How did Jesus honor the woman who poured the precious ointment on his head?
2. When Jesus said one of the twelve would betray him, what did they alsay?
3. What were Jesus' words as He prayed in the garden?
4. By what sign and for how much money did Judas betray Jesus?
5. What did Jesus say which resulted in the high priest charging Jesus with blasphemy?

## THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

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Consider the words and actions of the disciples when Jesus faced betrayal and death. They all acted innocent, even Judas. All the eleven professed their loyalty even unto death if necessary (v 35), but when danger came they all fled (v 56). While Jesus agonized in prayer, they slept instead of watching and praying (vs 36, 38, 40-41, 43, 45). Peter alone followed Jesus to the infamous trial, only there to deny Him three times. Yet they were all forgiven (except Judas), restored and greatly used for the glory of God following the resurrection of Christ.

Mistakes, failures, cowardice, and sins of all sorts will be forgiven when sincerely brought to the Lord. Confess your sins, trust the blood of Jesus for cleansing, leave the past and go forward. Live for and serve the Lord Jesus Christ today.

If you were to apply verse 42, "Watch and pray ...", what would you need to do personally to fulfill this command?

## HELP:

- 1. Jesus said she had wrought a good work, for it was for his burial. Furthermore this act of her love would be told wherever the gospel is preached (vs 12-13).
- 2. Lord, is it I? (v 22).
- 3. O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt (v 39); O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done (v 42).
- 4. By a kiss, for 30 pieces of silver (vs 48, 15).
- 5. Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven (v 64).