

# THE GOSPEL *of* JOHN

## CHAPTER 18:1-23

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

## “THE WAY OF THE CROSS” – PART 1

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

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**INTRODUCTION**

*to the text*

*John 18:1-23*

We now enter into a realm of events that have such massive and wholesale meaning that I believe is beyond human comprehension.

- The Hours Leading Up To The Cross
- What was Heaven Anticipating to See?
- And What Was Hell Expecting to Do?

**It's The Cosmic Mystery of All Eternity**

That The Very Creator of All  
Is about to yield Himself to the ignorant, the violent, the powerful - The  
religious

**Verses 1-11**  
**Deal with the arrest of Jesus**

**Verses 12-23**  
**Deal with the trials of Jesus**

**THE WAY OF THE CROSS**

**1.) Comes to us unexpectedly vv. 1-2**

**a.) Unexpectedly - The Cross Begins in the garden v.1**

**When** Jesus had spoken **these words**, He went out with His disciples over the Brook Kidron, where there was **a garden** , which He and His disciples entered....

“WHEN”

All had been said, that needed to be said

**Jesus had finished His words**

**a garden** ,  
which He and His disciples entered....

Luke 22:39  
Coming out, He went to the Mount of Olives, as He was accustomed, and His disciples also followed Him.

a place of peaceful fellowship even unto this  
day

Apparently this is What God Enjoys;  
“A Garden of Fellowship”

### **A Meeting Place Where God is Experienced**

- Do you have a place that you can talk to God?
- Do you have a place that you can cry to God?
- Do you have a place that you can worship God?

#### **CHRISTIAN**

#### **You Must Have a Garden and You Must Defend It**

if there's a place on earth that could haunt God,  
if there's a place of remembrance that could send a bitter chill to His heart,  
it's "GARDENS"

*it was the garden*

Genesis 2:8

The LORD God planted a garden eastward in **Eden**,  
and there He put the man whom He had formed.

## **Eden**

The Delight, The Pleasure, The Beautiful

**b.) Unexpectedly – The War Continues in the garden v.2**

And **Judas**, who betrayed Him, also **knew the place**;  
for Jesus often met there with His disciples.

# How Insidious - How Hideous Is This Picture

That lurking in the garden is a devil bent on death and destruction

## Have You Noticed That Satan Hates Sanctuaries

The Lord Calls His Children to the Garden of Fellowship

- Our Appointments with God

### Genesis 3:1-9

1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 "but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" 4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 "For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. 8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"

The Point Is -

Satan Knows The Dangers of What Can Happen When a Man,  
When a Woman, Fellowships With God In Spirit and in Truth

**THE DOCTRINE OF HELL HAS NEVER CHANGED**

Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5  
"For God Himself knows that in the day you eat of it **your eyes  
will be opened, and you will be like God,**

The Hebrew Implies

In reality, your eyes will be opened and you will be able to see more clearly than  
you can see now, you'll understand more deeply spiritual things,  
you'll become gods,

## This is Man in Control

Look at the world  
This is not what God intended, this is not  
what He wanted

John 10:10

"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that  
they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

**c.) Unexpectedly – The Enemy never rests v.2**

And Judas, who **betrayed** Him,

## betrayed



**betrayed**

**grk**

paradidomi (par-ad-id'-o-mee);

to be alongside someone to surrender them. To commit treason  
against one with whom you're familiar.

**This is Satan's Agenda Still**

Revelation 12:10b  
..for the accuser of our brethren,  
who accused them before our God **day and night**, has been cast down.

*vs.*

Revelation 4:8  
...for I saw the four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around  
and within. And they do not rest **day or night**, saying:  
"Holy, holy, holy, lord God Almighty..."

Psalm 41:9  
Even my own familiar friend **in whom I trusted**, who ate my bread, has lifted up his  
heel against me.

John 13:18-19  
That the Scripture may be fulfilled, '**(in whom I trusted)** He who eats bread with Me  
has lifted up his heel against Me.' 19 "Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does  
come to pass, you may believe that I am *he*.

Judas was no victim of a Game of Divine Roulette  
God knew his heart from eternity

Jude 1:11-13  
Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of  
Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah. 12 These are spots in your  
love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are  
clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice  
dead, pulled up by the roots; 13 raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame;  
wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

## **Judas Knew The Places Where Jesus Relaxed.**

It was the place of special teaching, deeper reflection, one on one fellowship  
God Alone With The Object of His Redemption

Satan Holds No Power Over God – None at All.  
But he does use a dagger to pierce God's heart by stealing the  
souls of men