

1. Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives:

- Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives are separated by a steep valley called the **Kidron** (Jn.18:1).
- Today, the Church of All Nations is the prominent building in the area of the Gethsemane.
- Jesus and his disciples ate their final meal in the Essene Quarter and walked over to the Gethsemane.

2. Gethsemane: translates as “a Press for Oils” – an oil press.

<i>Gat</i>	<i>Shemanim</i>
Press	Oils

3. Garden of Gethsemane?

- The Bible never calls it the “Garden of Gethsemane.”

Matthew	“a place called Gethsemane” (26:36)
Mark	“a place called Gethsemane” (14:32)
Luke	“On reaching the place” (22:40)
John	“on the other side, there was a garden” (18:1)

4. Gat Shemanim -

- Oil presses are built in caves to help control the temperature during oil processing.
- The city where Goliath is from – we say, Gath – is Gat.

5. Biblical Gethsemane (*Gat Shemanim*)¹:

- It is located on the Mount of Olives side of the Kidron Valley.
- Located next to the “Tomb of the Virgin Mary.”
- Most tourists go to the Church of All Nations and the olive grove labeled the “Garden of Gethsemane.”
- During the off-season for olive oil production, pilgrims sleep in the cave during the festivals.

6. Fifth Cup of Wine? – was there to be a fifth cup of wine at the Passover?

¹ Taylor, J. E. (1995). The Garden of Gethsemane: Not the Place of Jesus’ Arrest. *Biblical Archaeology Review*, 21(4), 26.

7. Mark 14:32-43:

- “deeply distressed” (NIV) or “sore amazed” (KJV).
- This problematic phrase is closer to “terrified surprise” or “shuddering horror.”²

8. “Sudden Realization” or “Terrified Surprise.”

- How can we understand this ‘sudden realization?’
- Shalom Ben-Chorin suggests it is because Jesus realizes there is a fifth cup and that it is the Cup of God’s Wrath.³

For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, to me: "Take this **cup of the wine of wrath** at my hand, and cause all the **nations**, to whom I send you, to drink it. Jer. 25:15 (NHEB)

"Father, if you are willing, remove this **cup** from me.
Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." Mark 14:36 (NHEB)

9. “A Night for Watching” (Exodus 12:42) –

He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death.
Stay here, and **watch**." Mark 14:34 (NHEB)

- In Hebrew: *Leil-Shimmurim*
- Because the LORD kept vigil (watch) on the night of the Exodus from Egypt, the Israelites are to keep watch on the Passover.

10. Jesus – the “**Last Adam**,” accomplishes what the first Adam could not.

- “sweat” – in the ancient Near East is associated with **Anxiety**⁴
- John places Jesus, as the Last Adam, in the “garden” (Jn. 18:1) as the “gardener” (Jn. 20:15).
- Jesus “sweats” so much it is like drops of blood.

Being in agony, he prayed more earnestly. His **sweat** became *like* great
drops of blood falling down on the ground. Luke 22:44 (NHEB)

² Jerome O’Connor, *What Really Happened at Gethsemane*, Bible Review. April 1998.

³ Shalom Ben-Chorin, *Brother Jesus: The Nazarene Through Jewish Eyes*. Athens: University of Georgia Press (2012).

⁴ Daniel E. Fleming, *By the Sweat of Your Brow at Ugarit and the Bible* (1992).