

# John in Gethsemane

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*Read: Mark 14:32-42*

**Open:**

1. Where do you go (or what do you do) when you're facing difficult situations?
2. Do you prefer to be alone at these times, or in the company of close friends?

**Dig:**

1. Why did Jesus take Peter, James and John with him to pray? (vs. 33) Why not all 12?
2. What are the various emotions that Jesus must have felt in Gethsemane?
3. Why don't these disciples share Jesus sense of urgency? How does this relate to their statements in the previous passage?
4. What did Jesus desire most of all? Yet how did he pray? Why?
5. From this story, what key thing do you learn about Jesus? About affirming God's will?

**Reflect:**

1. What has been your "Gethsemane" a place where you wrestled with God? What do you learn from Jesus' example about praying at those times?
2. What determines for whom and what you pray?
3. How will the Gethsemane story change the way you pray this week?