

# This Week's Devotional (Mon–Fri)

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<b>Sermon Title</b>	Jesus Defeated Darkness
<b>Speaker</b>	Pastor Tom Oostdyk
<b>Primary Passage</b>	Matthew 26: 36-56

## DAY

1

Gethsemane

Pastor Reminder: In the garden, Jesus felt the weight of sorrow, yet he turned it into prayer before the Father. He did not turn aside from the path of obedience, but rested in the Father's will.

Matthew 26:36-39, Jesus prays in deep sorrow and submits to the Father.



When fear rises in me, do I bring it honestly to the Father and trust his will?



Lord Jesus, teach me to pray with honesty and trust. Keep my heart near the Father when sorrow feels heavy.



Try this today: Set one fixed time to pray quietly about one fear you are carrying.

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2

The Cup

Pastor Reminder: Jesus faced the hard cup of judgment for sinners and chose obedience out of love. What looked like weakness was in fact holy victory, because he was doing the Father's saving work.

Romans 5:8, God shows his love in Christ for us.

☁️ Do I wonder at the depth of Christ's love, or do I take his saving work for granted?

🙏 Father, help me see the wonder of Jesus' obedient love. Deepen my awe and gratitude for all he has done for me.

✅ Try this today: Pause for one minute and thank Jesus for taking your place.

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Weakness

Pastor Reminder: The disciples were sleepy and fragile, and their weakness exposed how much they needed prayer. Jesus called them to stay awake, not in mere effort, but in watchful dependence on God.

Psalm 42:5, "Why, my soul, are you downcast? Put your hope in God."

☁️ Where do I most need the Lord's help to stay spiritually awake today?

🙏 Lord, awaken my heart when I grow dull or distracted. Give me grace to watch and pray instead of drifting away.

✅ Try this today: Before midday, stop and pray a simple honest prayer about your temptations.

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Betrayal

Pastor Reminder: Judas came with the crowd, yet Jesus was not overthrown by darkness. He went forward in peace, and even in arrest he showed sovereign courage and fulfilled the Scriptures.

John 18, Jesus is arrested and remains in full control.

☁️ Do I trust Christ's authority even when life feels unfair or confusing?

 Lord Jesus, rule my heart when I feel shaken. Help me trust that nothing can undo your saving purpose for your people.

 Try this today: Bring one confusing situation to the Father and surrender it in prayer.

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Fulfilled

Pastor Reminder: The Lord Jesus stood firm, and every step of that night showed that Scripture was being fulfilled. He was not defeated by darkness; he was carrying out the Father's redeeming plan for sinners.

Matthew 26:56, "This has all taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled."

 Will I worship Christ today with fresh awe for the grace he has shown me?

 Father, thank you for sending your Son to save me. Keep me grateful, humble, and ready to walk in his light.

 Try this today: Share one sentence of gratitude for Jesus with someone you trust.

May the Lord steady your heart this week and lead you to deeper worship and peace.