The Story: Chapter Twenty-Six

The Hour of Darkness

*And he came the third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.*

(Mark 14:41)

*Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.*  (John 13:1)

**The Hour would Come:**

* A promise made:
  + Genesis 3:15
* A promise kept:
  + Revelation 12:3-4
  + Revelation 12:7-10
  + The conflict that **began** in Genesis is finally **resolved** in Revelation.

**The Hour had NOT Come:**

* John 2:4
* John 7:6
* John 7:30
* John 8:20

**The Hour had Come:**

* John 12:23-24
* John 13:1
* John 17:1

**Two Gardens – Two Outcomes:**

* Garden of Eden
  + *And the man and his wife were both naked and were* ***not ashamed****.*
  + They **rebelled** against their **creator**.
  + They would **suffer** the consequences:
    - **Stress**
    - **Fear and worry and ……….**
    - **Pain and suffering …………**
    - **Death: physical and spiritual**
* Garden of Gethsemane
  + *And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.”****33****And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly* ***distressed*** *and* ***troubled.******34****And he said to them, “My soul is very* ***sorrowful****, even to death. Remain here and watch.”[*[*d*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=mark+14&version=ESV#fen-ESV-24781d)*]****35****And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.*
  + Jesus **glorified** the Father with faithful **obedience.**
  + He would **suffer** the consequences:
    - **Rejection** (John 1:11)
    - *He came to his own, and his own people[*[*c*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=john+1&version=ESV#fen-ESV-26045c)*] did not receive him.*
    - **Death** (Philippians 2:8)
    - *And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*
    - **Separation** (Mark 15:34)
    - *And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*
  + Jesus came to give us **life.**
    - John 3:16
    - John 10:10
    - John 11:25-26
  + Jesus did it because of **love** and **joy.** (Hebrews 12:2)