

Matthew 26:36-38

Luke 22:44

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THEN JESUS CAME WITH THEM UNTO A PLACE —
Unto the garden of Gethsemane—
Where every cultivated olive tree
Must give its bitter fruit to the embrace
Of the relentless instrument of grace . . .
An instrument which feels the misery
Of brokenness, and groans in agony
Until it has expressed the final trace
Of fragrant oil to light the lamps of men.
He came there in the darkness of the night
To suffer pressures men could never know—
The Voice of God come walking once again
In garden paths—to feel poor Adam's plight,
The crushing weight of weakness and of woe.

