

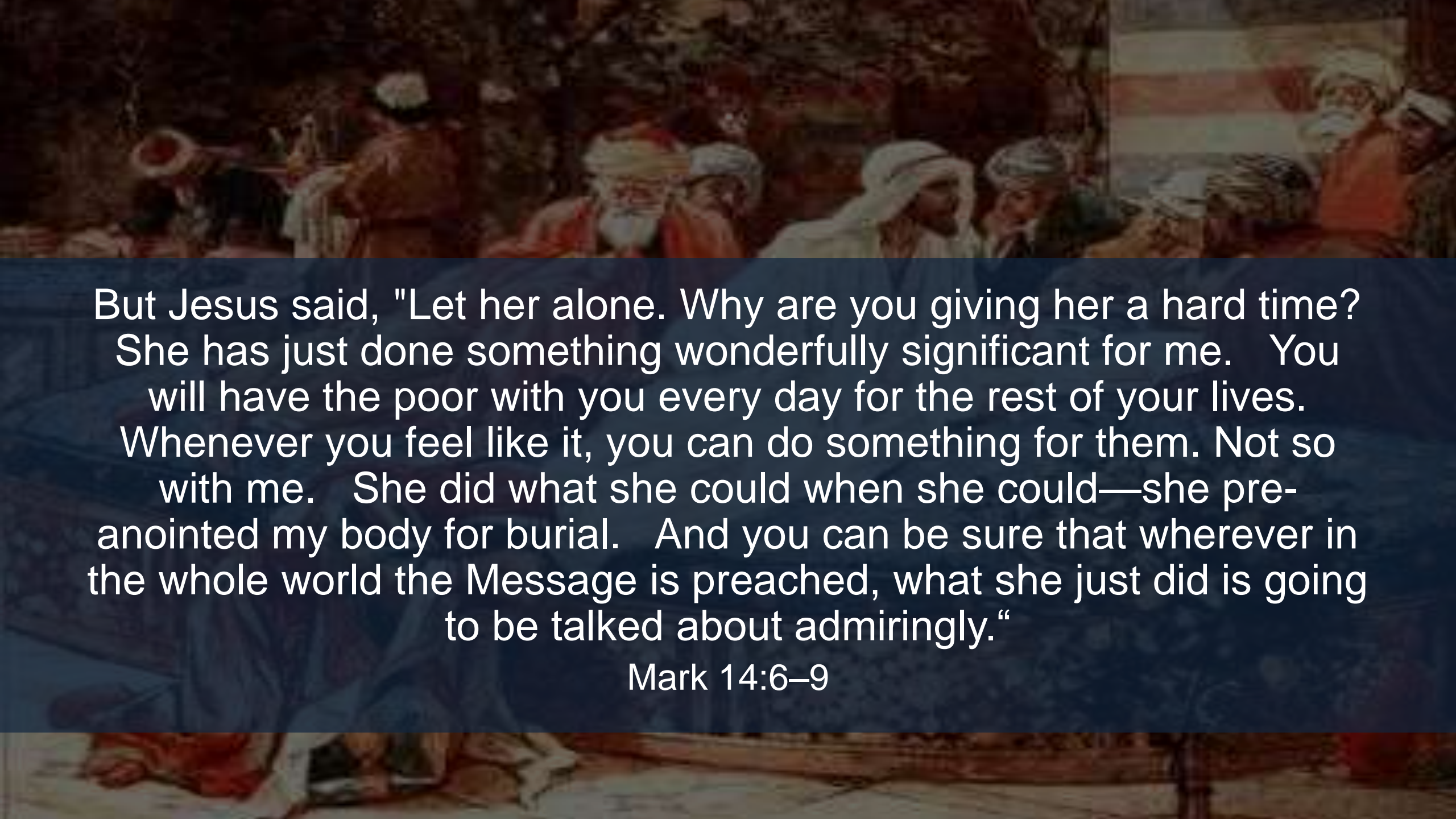
The background of the slide is a dimly lit, semi-transparent version of Leonardo da Vinci's 'The Last Supper'. It depicts Jesus and his twelve apostles seated around a long table in a room with a vaulted ceiling and arched windows. The scene is filled with dramatic lighting and emotional expressions, capturing the moment of the betrayal.

Mark 14

Betrayal, Abandonment and Denial ...
Such are the Days of Our Lives...

Glad you could all make it. Enjoy the food.





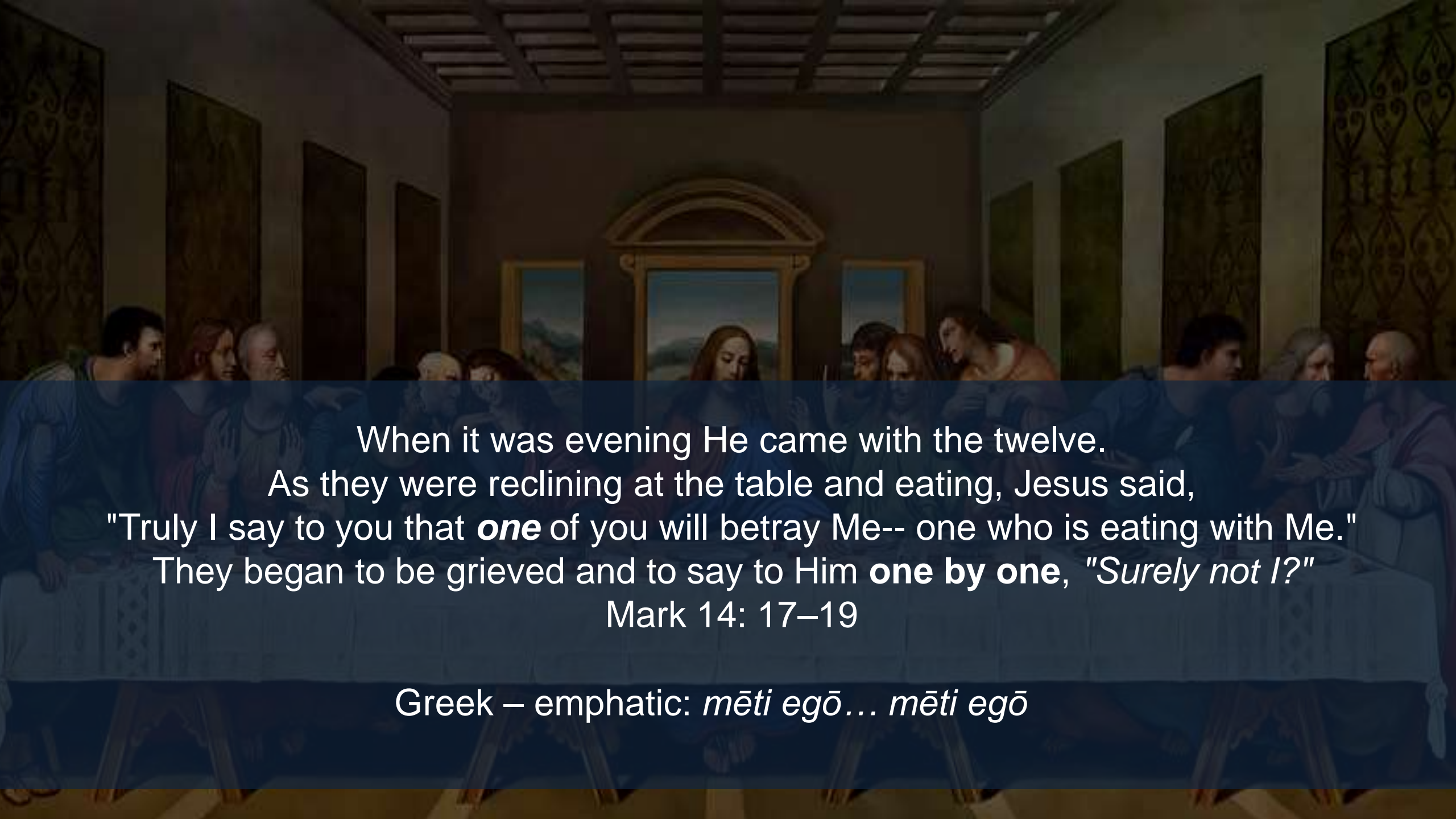
But Jesus said, "Let her alone. Why are you giving her a hard time? She has just done something wonderfully significant for me. You will have the poor with you every day for the rest of your lives. Whenever you feel like it, you can do something for them. Not so with me. She did what she could when she could—she pre-anointed my body for burial. And you can be sure that wherever in the whole world the Message is preached, what she just did is going to be talked about admiringly."

Mark 14:6–9



Then Judas Iscariot, ***who was one of the twelve***,
went off to the chief priests
in order to betray (Lit. *hand over*) Him to them.

Mark 14:10



When it was evening He came with the twelve.
As they were reclining at the table and eating, Jesus said,
"Truly I say to you that **one** of you will betray Me-- one who is eating with Me."
They began to be grieved and to say to Him **one by one**, "*Surely not I?*"
Mark 14: 17–19

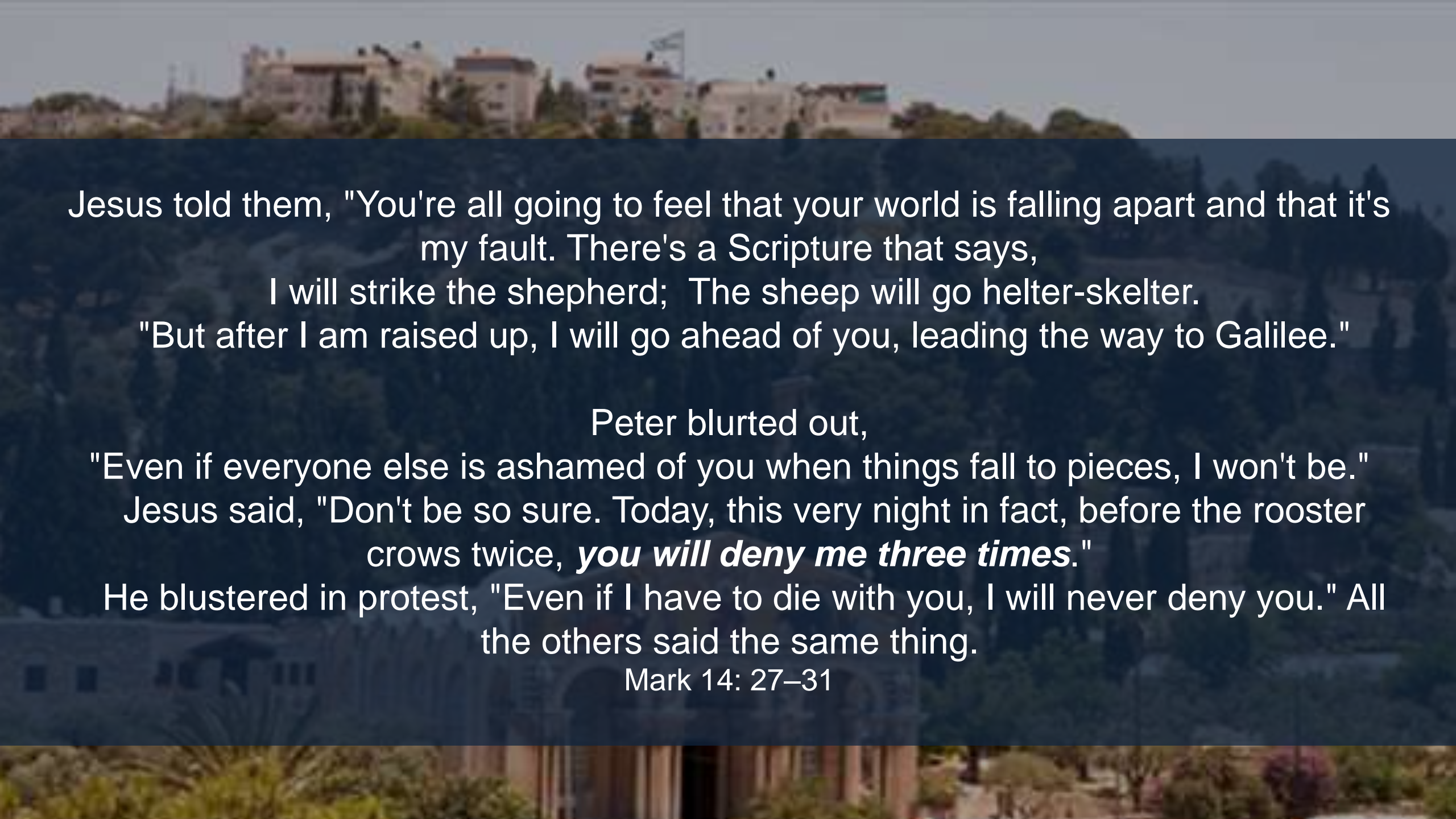
Greek – emphatic: *mēti egō... mēti egō*



And He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who dips with Me in the bowl.
"For the Son of Man is to go just as it is written of Him; but woe to that man by
whom the Son of Man is betrayed!

It would have been good for that man if he had not been born."

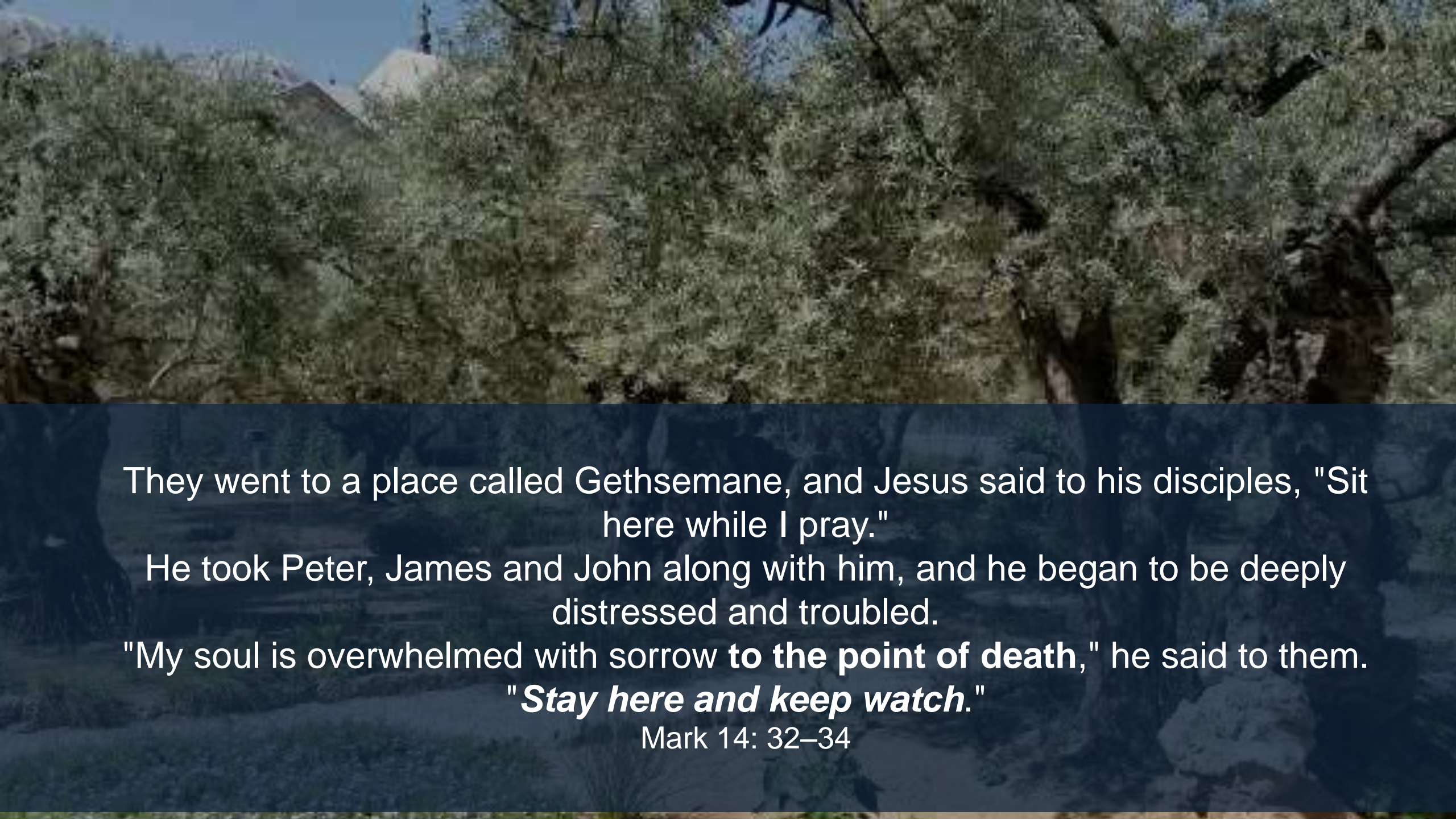
Mark 14: 19–21

A background image showing a town built on a hillside, with several buildings and a flagpole visible. The image is slightly blurred and has a dark blue overlay.

Jesus told them, "You're all going to feel that your world is falling apart and that it's my fault. There's a Scripture that says,
I will strike the shepherd; The sheep will go helter-skelter.
"But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you, leading the way to Galilee."

Peter blurted out,
"Even if everyone else is ashamed of you when things fall to pieces, I won't be."
Jesus said, "Don't be so sure. Today, this very night in fact, before the rooster crows twice, ***you will deny me three times.***"
He blustered in protest, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you." All the others said the same thing.

Mark 14: 27–31



They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray."

He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled.

"My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow **to the point of death**," he said to them.

"Stay here and keep watch."

Mark 14: 32–34

A dark, atmospheric photograph of an olive grove. The trees are silhouetted against a slightly lighter background, creating a somber and contemplative mood. A semi-transparent blue horizontal band is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing white text.

3x praying ...

3x abandoned...

By the very ones who had just said they will stand with Jesus till the end!

And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

Luke 22:44

Ha Adam... (Jesus – the new Adam)

...shed his...

dam... (blood)

...on the...

adamah (ground/earth)



The betrayer had worked out a signal with them:
"The one I **kiss**, that's the one—seize him.

Philēsō – derived from *phileō* (brotherly love)

Judas *immediately* went to Him, saying, "Rabbi!" and **kissed** Him.
kate-philesō

Mark 14: 44-45



Note Mark 2:13–14:

And Jesus went up on the mountain and summoned those whom He Himself
wanted...

And He appointed twelve...

Including:

Judas ... the betrayer

Peter the bulshy ...

And every who ran away ...



All the disciples cut and ran.

A young man was following along. All he had on was a bedsheet. Some of the men grabbed him but he got away, running off naked, leaving them holding the sheet.

Mark 4:50-51



A prostitute who shouldn't, gets it ...

and the disciples who should, don't

His enemies out to get him ...

and a disciple who makes it possible

His friends all vow to stand by him ...

but can't keep their eyes open and abandon him

A disciple who bromances him...

and the *rest* who run away ...

His enemies who grab him...

...and the chapter hasn't even finished yet!

While all this was going on, Peter was down in the courtyard. One of the Chief Priest's servant girls came in and, seeing Peter warming himself there, looked hard at him and said, "You were with the Nazarene, Jesus."

He denied it:

"I don't know what you're talking about." He went out on the porch.

A rooster crowed.

The girl spotted him and began telling the people standing around,
"He's one of them."

He denied it again.

After a little while, the bystanders brought it up again. "You've got to be one of them. You've got 'Galilean' written all over you."

An again...

Now Peter got really nervous and swore and cursed,
(Lit. curse as if **demanding God punish if what is said is not true**)

"I never laid eyes on this man you're talking about."

Just then **the rooster crowed a *second time*.**

Peter remembered how Jesus had said

(Mark 14:66-71)



