

# Gospel Doctrine Sunday School Lesson

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## Lesson 25: "Not My Will, But Thine, Be Done"

### Are You:

- Being Diligent with Your Individual and Family Prayers?
- Remembering Christ's Atonement When Taking the Sacrament?

### Today's Scriptures

Matt 26: 36-46

Mark 14: 32-42

Luke 22: 39-46

### Next Week:

#### Lesson 26:

"To This End Was I Born"

Matt 26: 47-27:66

Mark 14: 43 - 15:39

Luke 22: 47-23:56

John 18-19

### Questions to Ponder

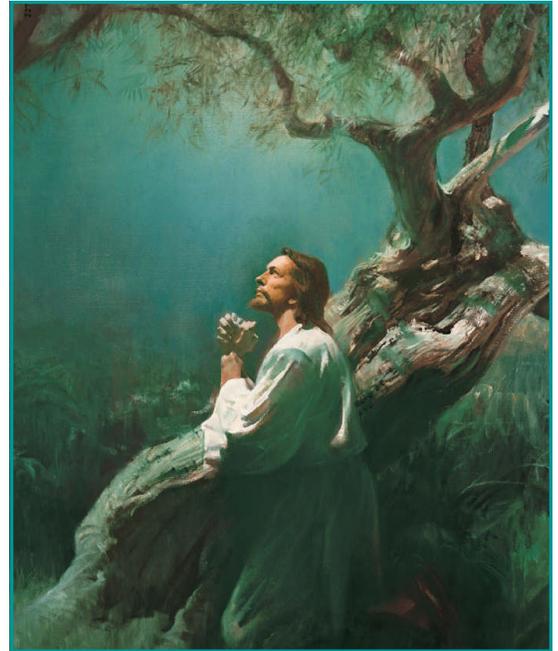
- How might the command to watch, or stay awake, apply to us as we strive to live the gospel?
- What can we learn from the Savior's prayer in Gethsemane?

**Elder Marion G. Romney** explained that through the Atonement, all people are saved from physical death and the repentant and obedient are also saved from sin:

"It took the atonement of Jesus Christ to reunite the bodies and spirits of men in the resurrection. And so all the world, believers and non-believers, are indebted to the Redeemer for their certain resurrection, because the resurrection will be as wide as was the fall, which brought death to every man.

"There is another phase of the atonement which makes me love the Savior even more, and fills my soul with gratitude beyond expression. It is that in addition to atoning for Adam's transgression, thereby bringing about the resurrection, the Savior by his suffering paid the debt for my personal sins. He paid the debt for your personal sins and for the personal sins of every living soul that ever dwelt upon the earth or that ever will dwell in mortality upon the earth. But this he did conditionally. The benefits of this suffering for our individual transgressions will not come to us unconditionally in the same sense that the resurrection will come regardless of what we do. If we partake of the blessings of the atonement as far as our individual transgressions are concerned, we must obey the law.

"... When we commit sin, we are estranged from God and rendered unfit to enter into his presence. No unclean thing can enter into his presence. We cannot of ourselves, no matter how we may try, rid ourselves of the stain which is upon us as a result of our own transgressions. That stain must be washed away by the blood of the Redeemer, and he has set up the way by which that stain may be



### Elder James E. Talmage taught:

"Christ's agony in the garden is unfathomable by the finite mind, both as to intensity and cause. ... He struggled and groaned under a burden such as no other being who has lived on earth might even conceive as possible. It was not physical pain, nor mental anguish alone, that caused him to suffer such torture as to produce an extrusion of blood from every pore; but a spiritual agony of soul such as only God was capable of experiencing. ... In that hour of anguish Christ met and overcame all the horrors that Satan, 'the prince of this world,' could inflict. ... In some manner, actual and terribly real though to man incomprehensible, the Savior took upon Himself the burden of the sins of mankind from Adam to the end of the world" (*Jesus the Christ*, 3rd ed. [1916], 613).

removed. That way is the gospel of Jesus Christ. The gospel requires us to believe in the Redeemer, accept his atonement, repent of our sins, be baptized by immersion for the remission of our sins, receive the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands, and continue faithfully to observe, or do the best we can to observe, the principles of the gospel all the days of our lives" (in Conference Report, Oct. 1953, 35-36).