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POINT 1: THE SON OF MAN PREDICTS

ABANDONMENT (MATT. 26:31-35).

³¹ Then Jesus said to them, “Tonight all of you will fall away because of me, for it is written: I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered. ³² But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.” ³³ Peter told him, “Even if everyone falls away because of you, I will never fall away.” ³⁴ “Truly I tell you,” Jesus said to him, “tonight, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” ³⁵ “Even if I have to die with you,” Peter told him, “I will never deny you,” and all the disciples said the same thing.

POINT 2: THE SON OF MAN TRUSTS IN GOD’S

PLAN (MATT. 26:36-46).

³⁶ Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he told the disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” ³⁷ Taking along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ He said to them, “I am deeply grieved to the point of death. Remain here and stay awake with me.” ³⁹ Going a little farther, he fell facedown and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.” ⁴⁰ Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. He asked Peter, “So, couldn’t you stay awake with me one hour? ⁴¹ Stay awake and pray, so that you won’t enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ⁴² Again, a second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” ⁴³ And he came again and found them sleeping, because they could not keep their eyes open. ⁴⁴ After leaving them, he went away again and prayed a third time, saying the same thing once more. ⁴⁵ Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? See, the time is near. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Get up; let’s go. See, my betrayer is near.”

POINT 3: THE SON OF MAN EXERCISES

RESTRAINT (MATT. 26:47-56).

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, suddenly arrived. A large mob with swords and clubs was with him from the chief priests and elders of the people. ⁴⁸ His betrayer had given them a sign: “The one I kiss, he’s the one; arrest him.” ⁴⁹ So immediately he went up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him. ⁵⁰ “Friend,” Jesus asked him, “why have you come?” Then they came up, took hold of Jesus, and arrested him. ⁵¹ At that moment one of those with Jesus reached out his hand and drew his sword. He struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his ear. ⁵² Then Jesus told him, “Put your sword back in its place because all who take up the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³ Or do you think that I cannot call on my Father, and he will provide me here and now with more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ How, then, would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen this way?” ⁵⁵ At that time Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out with swords and clubs, as if I were a criminal, to capture me? Every day I used to sit, teaching in the temple, and you didn’t arrest me. ⁵⁶ But all this has happened so that the writings of the prophets would be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and ran away.

