



THE AGONY OF THE CUP IN A PLACE CALLED GETHSEMANE

Matthew 26:39-42 (NKJV)

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Event	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Jesus and disciples assemble for the Passover feast	26:20	14:17	22:14-16	13:1
Jesus washes the disciples' feet	---	---	---	13:2-17
Jesus identifies His betrayer	26:21-25	14:18-21	22:21-23	13:18-30
Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper	26:26-29	14:22-25	22:15-20	---
The commandment of love	---	---	---	13:31-35
Jesus' discourse in upper room	---	---	---	14:1-30

Christ's Final Days

Emmaus

John 14:31

31 But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.

Matthew 26:30-56
Mark 14:26-50
Luke 22:33-46

Fortress of Antonia

Temple

Gethsemane

Mount of Olives

Mat 26:30; Mark 14:26

When they had sung a hymn they went out to the Mt of Olives

Upper room

Upper City

Lower City

U S A L E

• Akeldama?

Scale of Feet



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Luke 22:24-30

Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest.

Matthew 26:30-56
Mark 14:26-50
Luke 22:33-46

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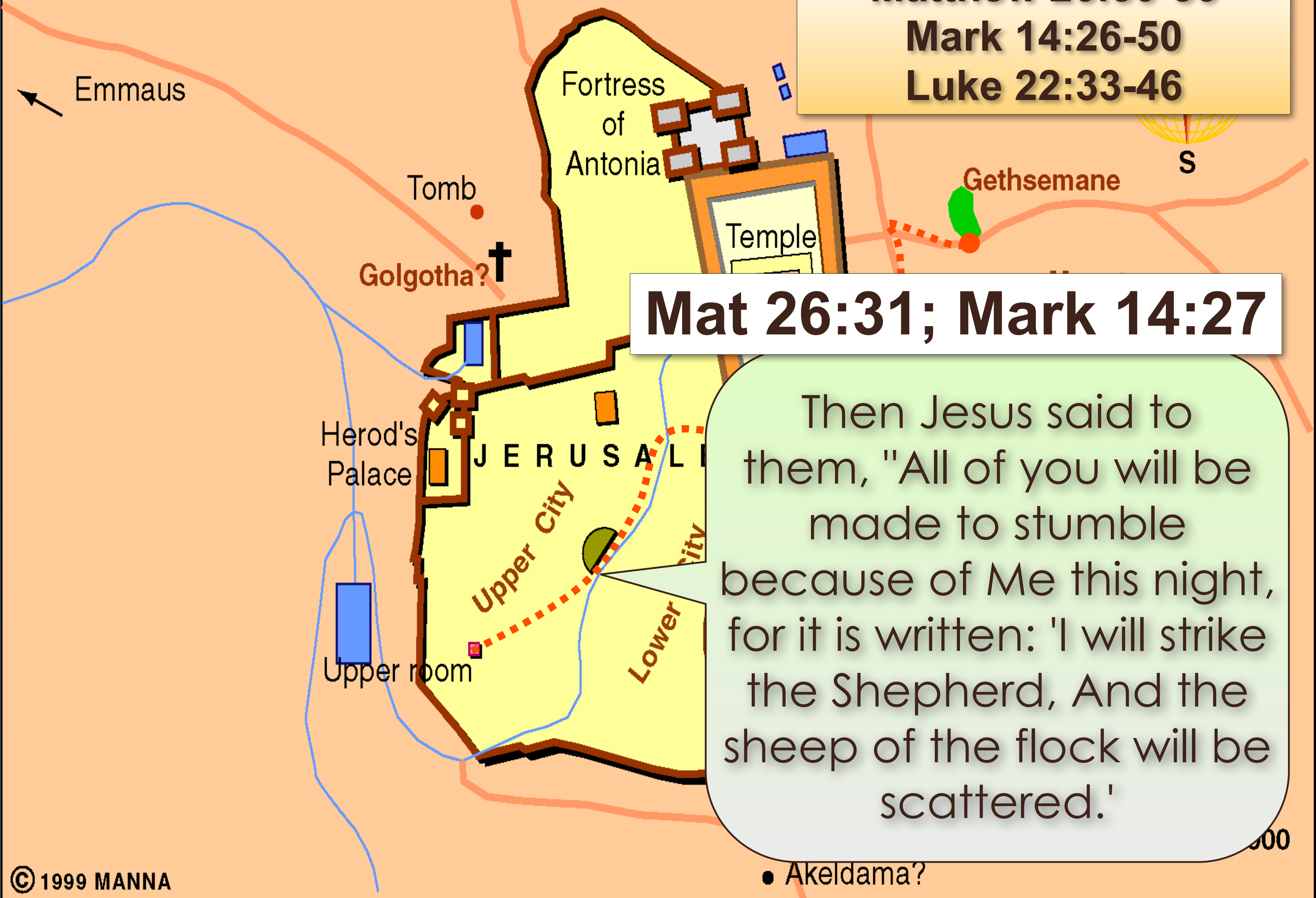
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Matthew 26:30-56
Mark 14:26-50
Luke 22:33-46

Mat 26:31; Mark 14:27

Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

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**Mat 26:31-35;
Mark 14:27-31;
Luke 22:33-38**

**Matthew 26:30-56
Mark 14:26-50
Luke 22:33-46**

Jesus speaks of His death & resurrection - Mat 26:31,32; Mark 14:27,28

Peter affirms his loyalty, even to death - Mat 26:33; Mark 14:29; Luke 22:33

Jesus foretells Peter's denial and Peter & the other apostles reaffirmation - Mat 26:34,35; Mark 14:30:31; Luke 22:31-34; John 13:38

Needed supplies - Luke 22:35-38

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Emmaus

Luke 22:39-46

Coming out, He went to the Mount of Olives, as He was accustomed, and His disciples also followed Him.

Matthew 26:30-56
Mark 14:26-50
Luke 22:33-46

Gethsemane

Mount of Olives

JOHN 18:1,2

When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples over the Brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered. ² And Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with His disciples.

Matthew 26:36–46 (NKJV)

³⁶ Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, “**Sit here while I go and pray over there.**” ³⁷ And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed.

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Matthew 26:36–46 (NKJV)

³⁹ He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You *will*.” ⁴⁰

Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? ⁴¹ Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation.

The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.” ⁴²

Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying,

“O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.”

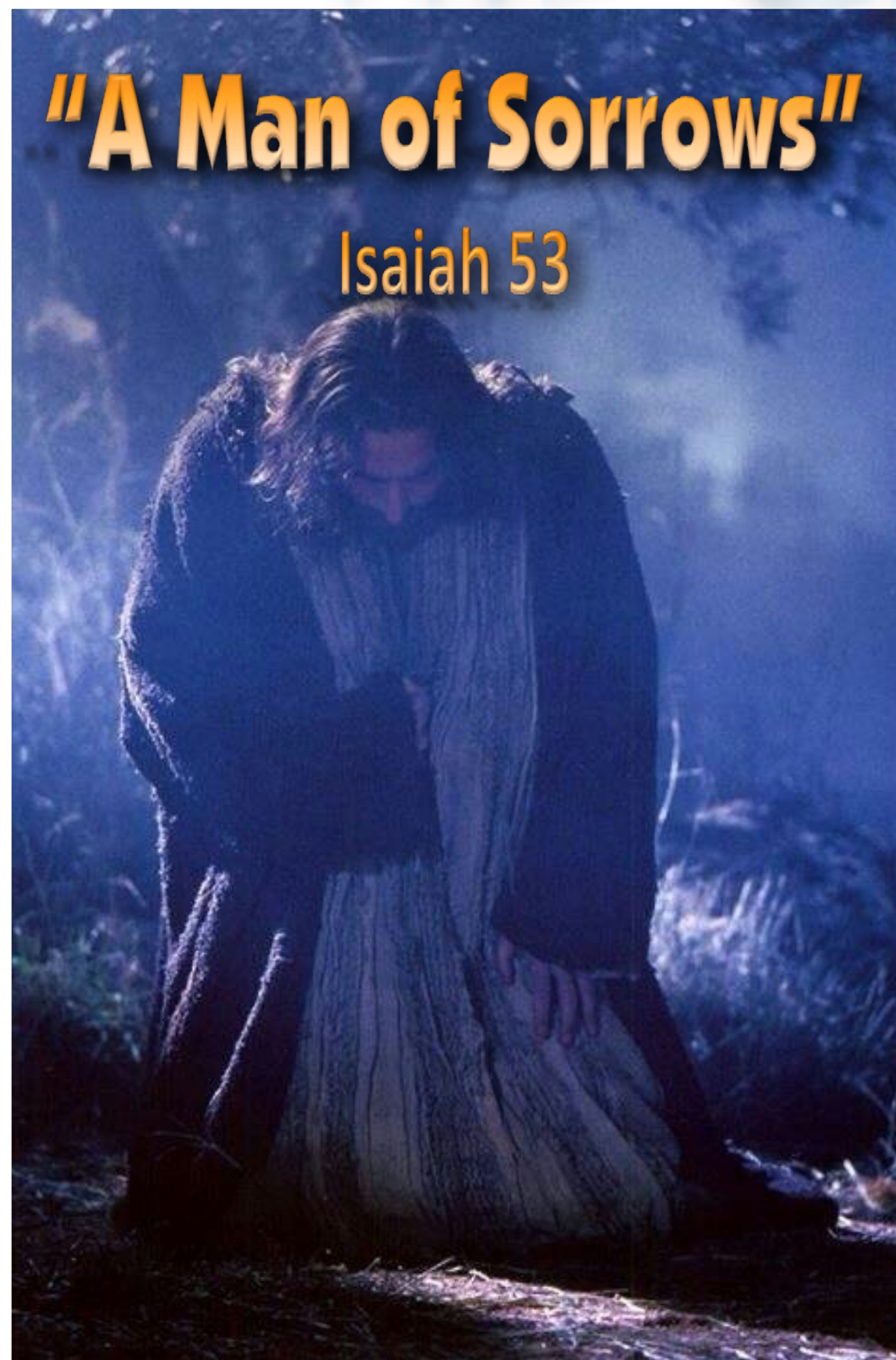
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⁴³ And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. ⁴⁵ Then He came to His disciples and said to them, “*Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand.*”

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"A Man of Sorrows"

Isaiah 53

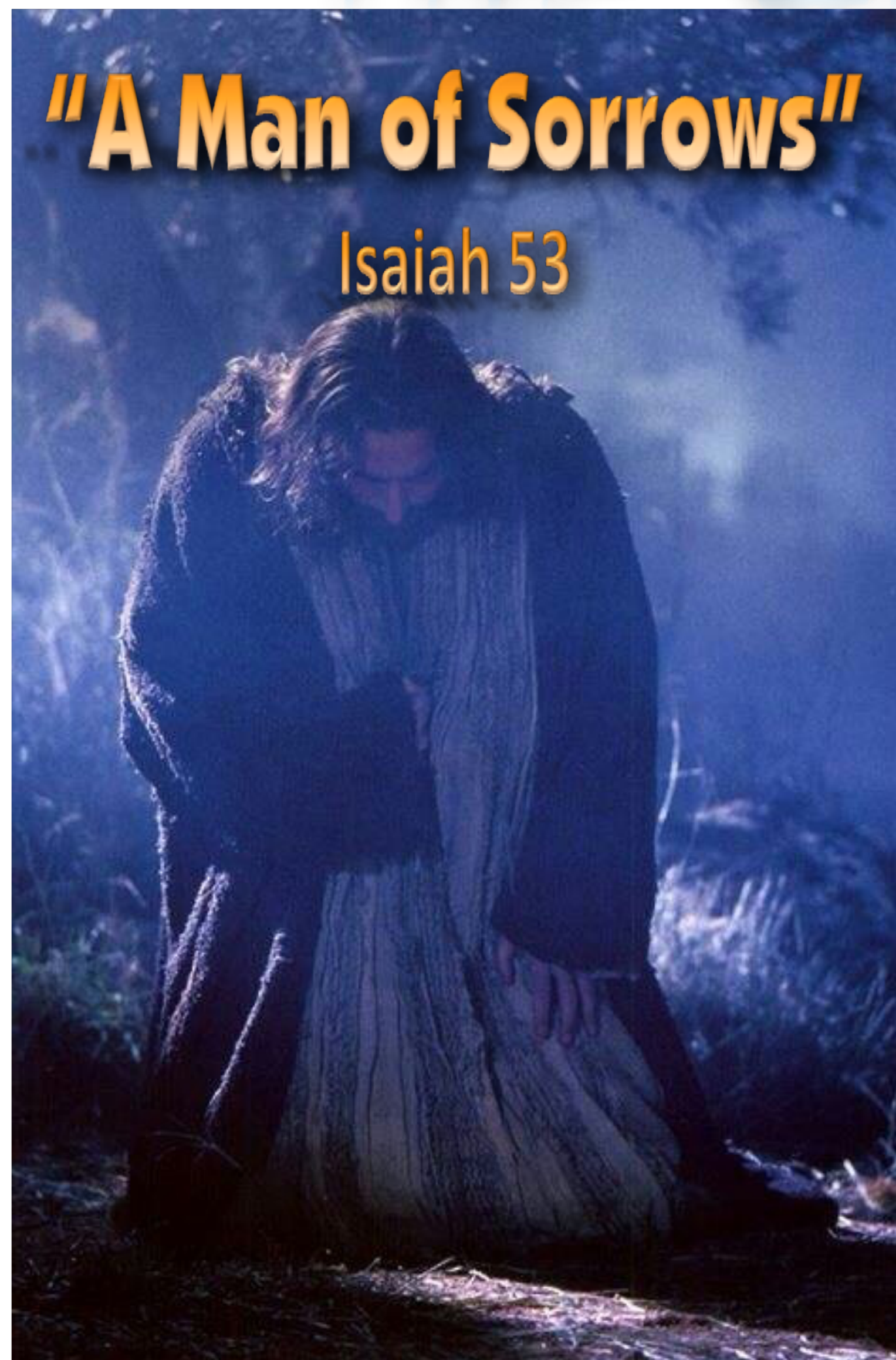


- One of the most moving experiences recorded concerning the life of Christ took place in the garden of Gethsemane.
- Here we see the humanity of Jesus clearly presented -
 - "Took part of the same" ... "in all things" ... "tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin" (Heb. 2:10-18; 4:14-16)

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Meaning oil-press. Beyond the brook Kedron, and distant about three-quarters of a mile from the walls of Jerusalem.

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λυπεο, - to distress; reflexive or passive to be sad :- cause grief, grieve, be in heaviness, (be) sorrow (-ful), be (make) sorry.

(Louw, J. P., & Nida)

Greek-English lexicon of the NT

5.275 **λυπέω**: (derivative of λύπη 'state of sadness,' 25.273) to cause someone to be sad, sorrowful, or distressed—'to make sad, to sadden.

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ademoneo, - to be in distress (of mind) :- be full of heaviness, be very heavy. (KJ, "to be very heavy," RV, "to be sore troubled.")

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25.247 ἀδημονέω: to be distressed and troubled, with the probable implication of anguish— 'to be troubled, to be upset, to be distressed.'

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"**perilupos**" grieved all around, i.e. intensely sad :- exceeding (very) sorrowful), used in (Mt 26:38) and (Mk 14:34)

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25.277 **περίλυπος**, ον:

pertaining to being very sad or deeply distressed—'very sad, sorrowful.' 'I am so sorrowful as to almost die' Mt 26:38.

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"**ekthambeo**" - to astonish utterly - affright, greatly (sore) amaze. Found in the book of Mark only; (9:15; 14:33; 16:5)

(Louw, J. P., & Nida)

Greek-English lexicon of the NT
25.210 ἐκθαμβέομαι: to be greatly astounded, . . . 'to be amazed, . . . to be alarmed.' . . . In the meaning of 'alarmed,' ἐκθαμβέομαι may often be rendered simply as 'to be afraid.'

Mark 14:32-34 (NKJV)

32 Then they came to a place which was named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, "Sit here while I pray." 33 And He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be **troubled** and deeply distressed. 34

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(Word Pictures in the NT.)

“... Jesus himself feels amazement as he directly faces the struggle in the Garden of Gethsemane ...

"Long as He had foreseen the Passion, when it came clearly into view its terror exceeded His

anticipations" (Swete). "He

learned from what he suffered," (Heb. 5:8) and this new experience enriched the human soul of Jesus."

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“**agonia**” - a struggle - i.e. (figurative) anguish, agony . . . to denote severe emotional strain and anguish. So in (Luke 22:44),

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Greek-English lexicon of the NT

25.283 **ἀγωνία**, ας f: a state of great mental and emotional grief and anxiety—‘anguish, intense sorrow.’ . . . ‘in anguish he prayed even more fervently’

Lk 22:44.0

Luke 22:43-44 (NKJV)

⁴³ Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. ⁴⁴ And being in **agon**y, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

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(Wiersbe, W. W. (1996). The Bible exposition commentary) “There is a rare physical phenomenon known as hematomidrosis, in which, under great emotional stress, the tiny blood vessels rupture in the sweat glands and produce a mixture of blood and sweat.”

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HEMATIDROSIS

Dave Miller Apologetics Press

“... During the waning years of the twentieth century, 76 cases of hematomidrosis were studied and classified into categories according to causative factors (Holoubek and Holoubek, 1996). Acute fear and intense mental contemplation were found to be the most frequent inciting causes....”

<http://www.apologeticspress.org/APContent.aspx?category=13&article=2323>

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"**STRONG (ischuros) Crying - (krauge),**- boisterous, mighty, powerful, valiant - an outcry . . .

(Louw, J. P., & Nida)

Vehement - 78.16 ἰσχυρότερος - a high point on a scale of extent . . . 'great, greatly, intense, severe.'

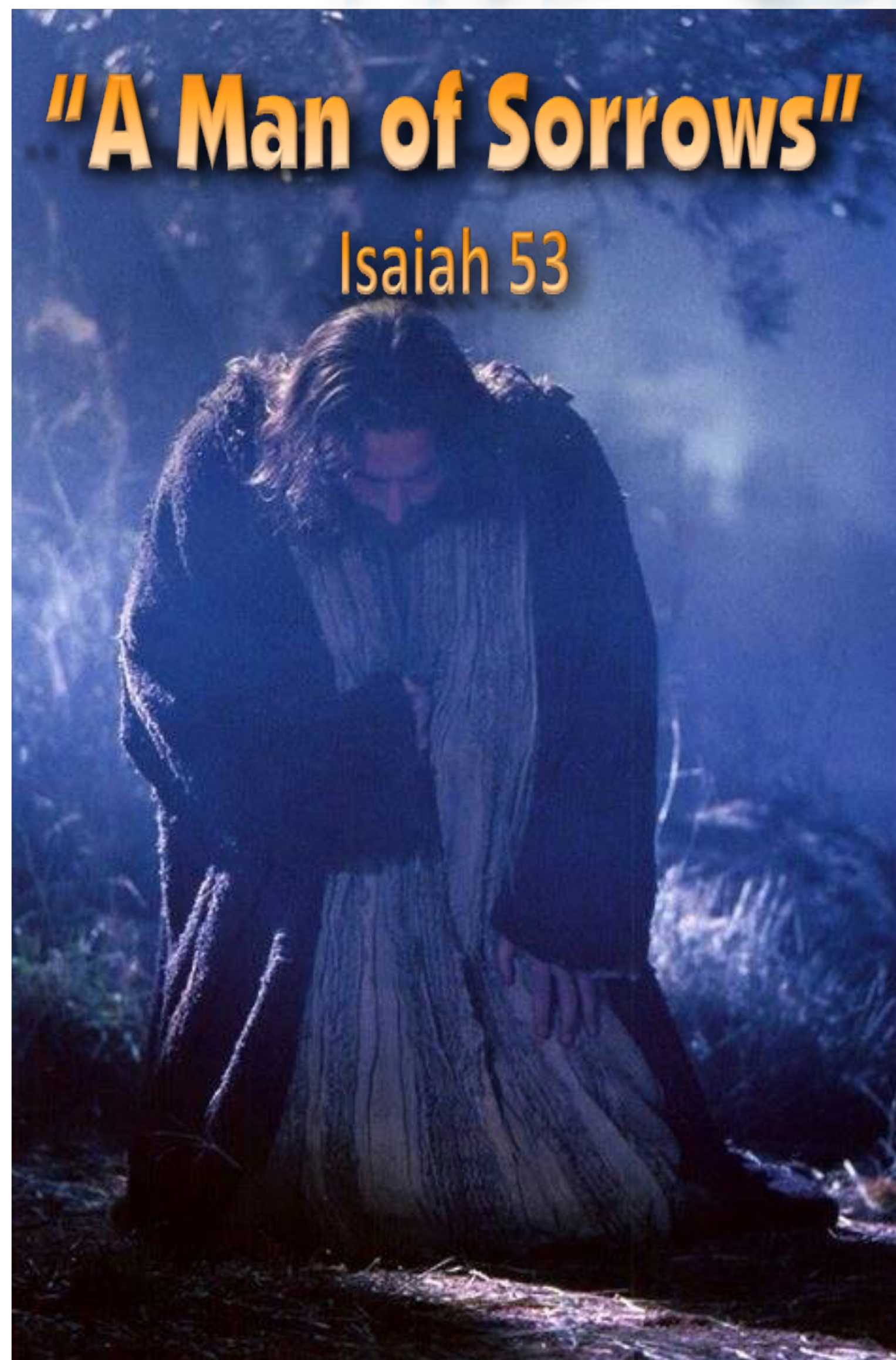
Cries - 25.138 κραυγήν, - to weep or wail, with emphasis upon the noise accompanying the weeping—'to weep, to wail, to lament, weeping, crying.'

Hebrews 5:7-8 (NKJV)
7 who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, 8 though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.

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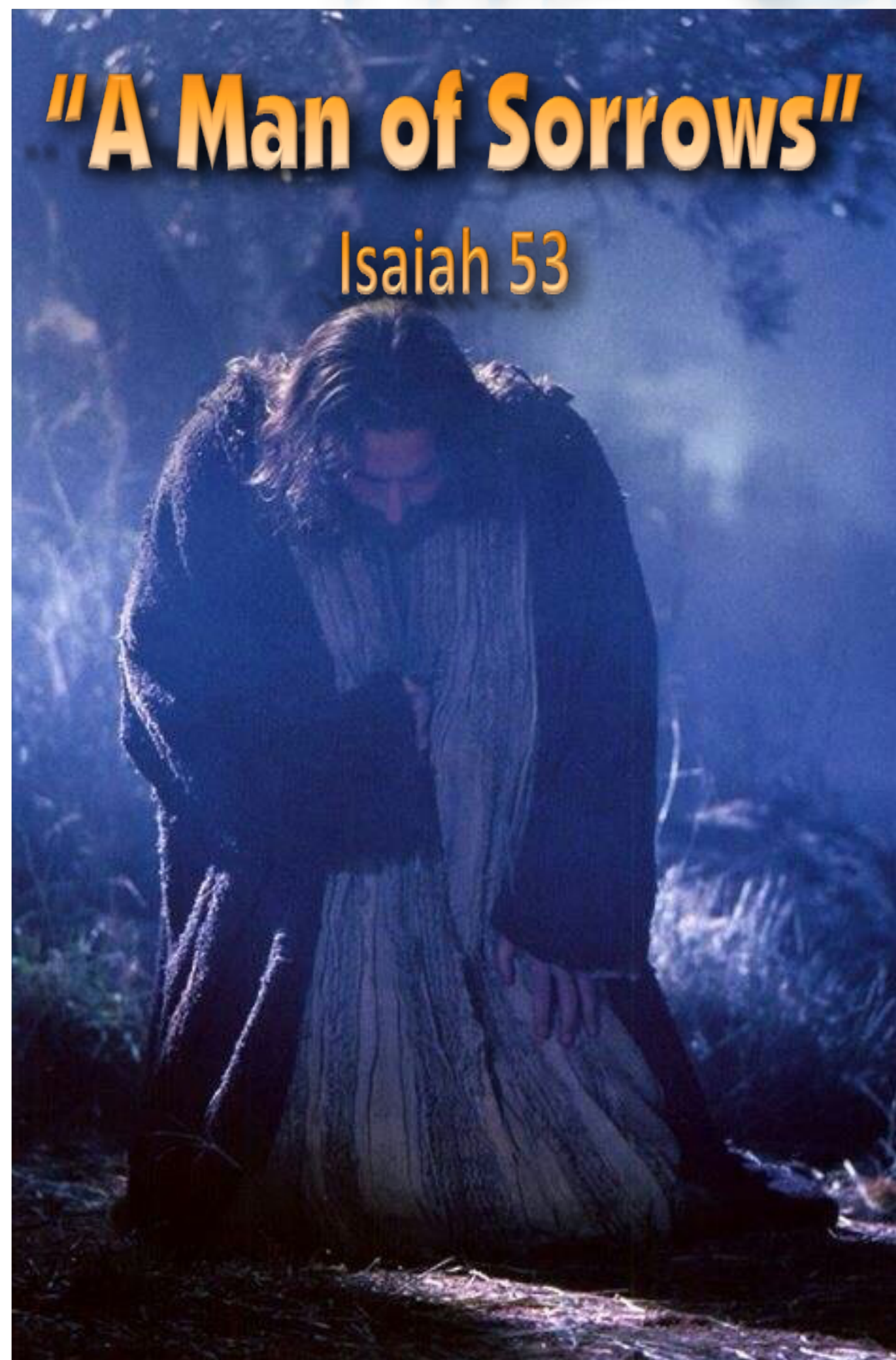
The Involvement of Others

- He asked His three closest friends to stay and keep watch with Him (Mt 26:38).
- In this hour of His greatest need the Lord wanted those with a sympathetic understanding to be praying with Him.”
 - ▶ In times of sorrow, difficulty, pain & suffering we long to have the support and encouragement of others (Prov 17:17, Eccl 4:10-12)

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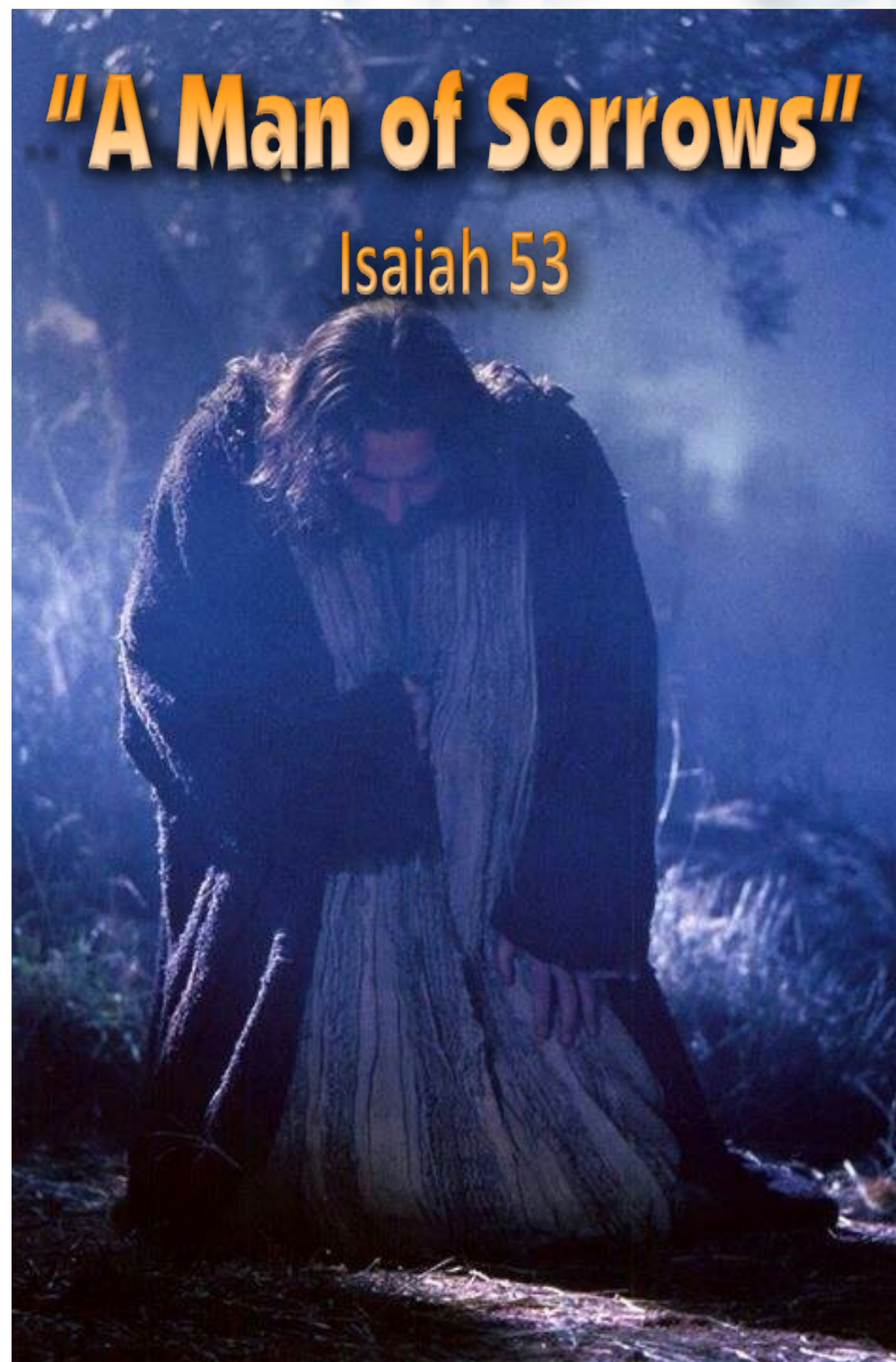
The Involvement of Others

- He was concerned for His disciples as He urged them to “watch and pray” lest they fall (Mt. 26:41).
- ◆ When we fail to look beyond ourselves, we tend to magnify our problems.
- ◆ To make your load of life lighter, you need to take on the load of another (Gal. 6:2)

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**Jesus is searching
for possibilities
within, not
contrary to, the
Father's will.**

The Greatest Struggle

Mark 14:36 (NKJV)

And He said, "Abba, Father, all things *are* possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You *will*."

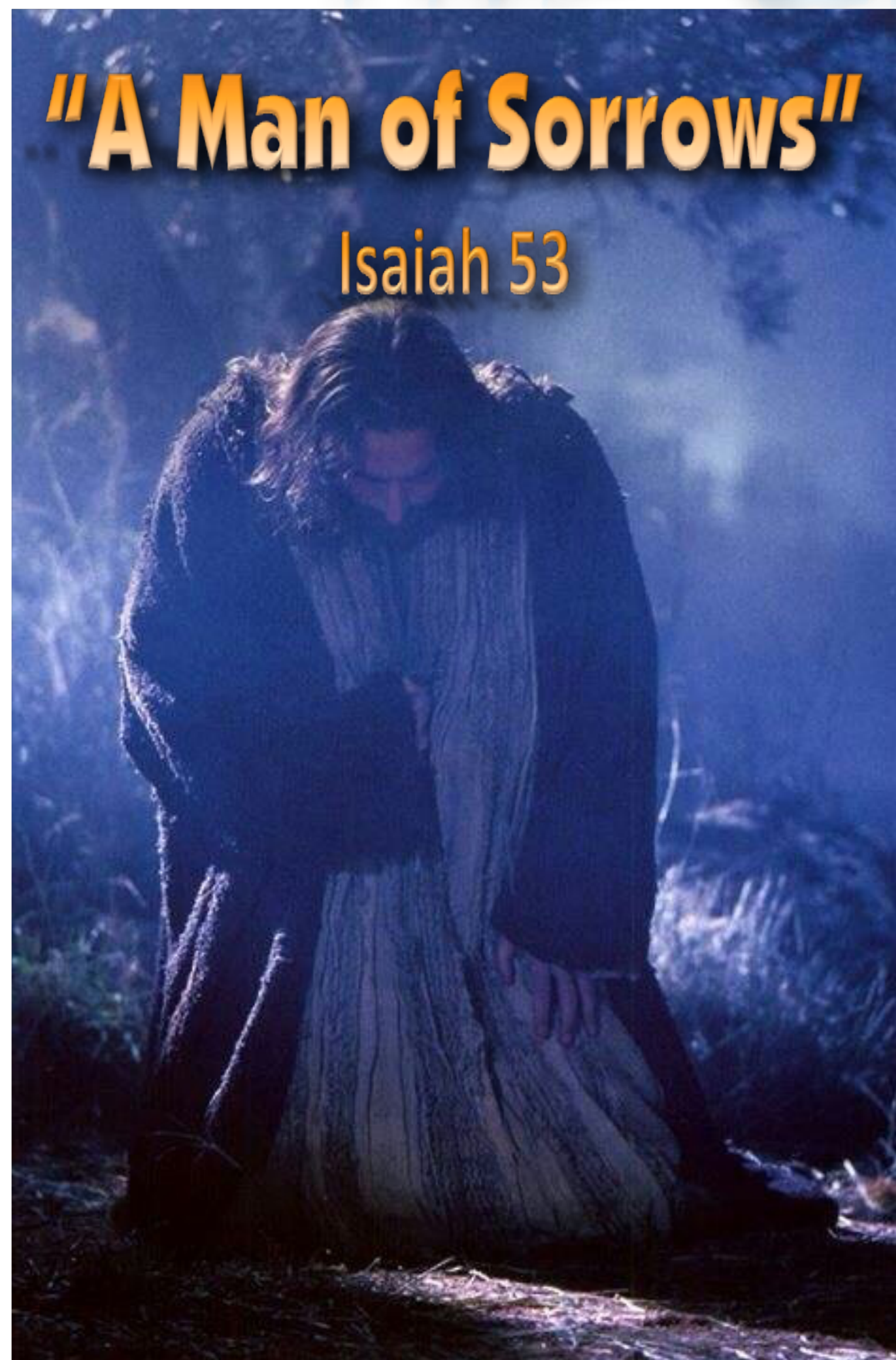
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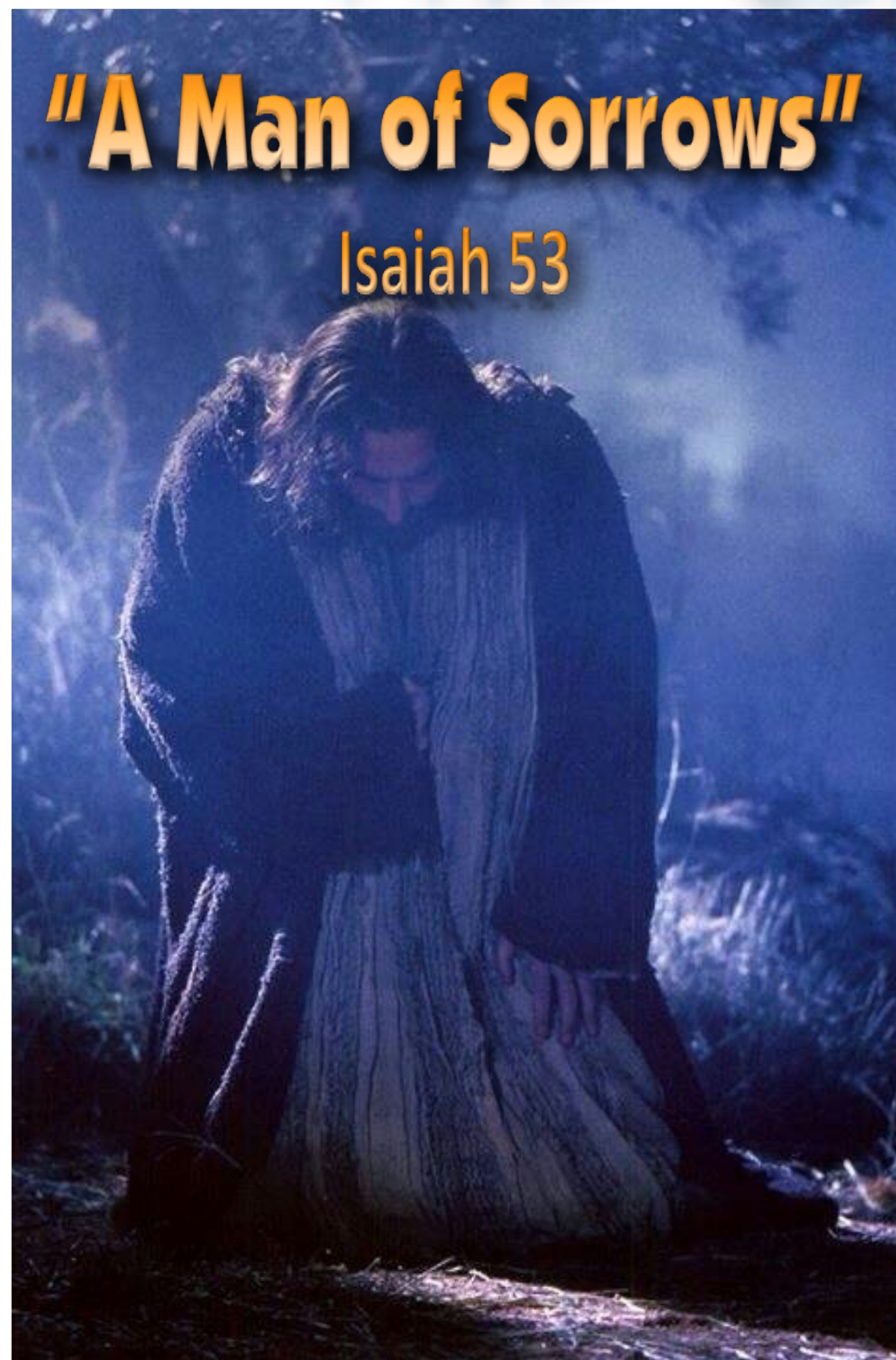
The Greatest Struggle

- Jesus knew “all things that would come upon Him” (Jn 18:4; cf. 12:27; 13:1; Mk 9:31; 10:33; Mat 26:2)
- He prayed to His Father demonstrating complete trust, devotion & loyalty (Heb 2:9-18; 4:15,16; 5:7-9)
- His hour had come -

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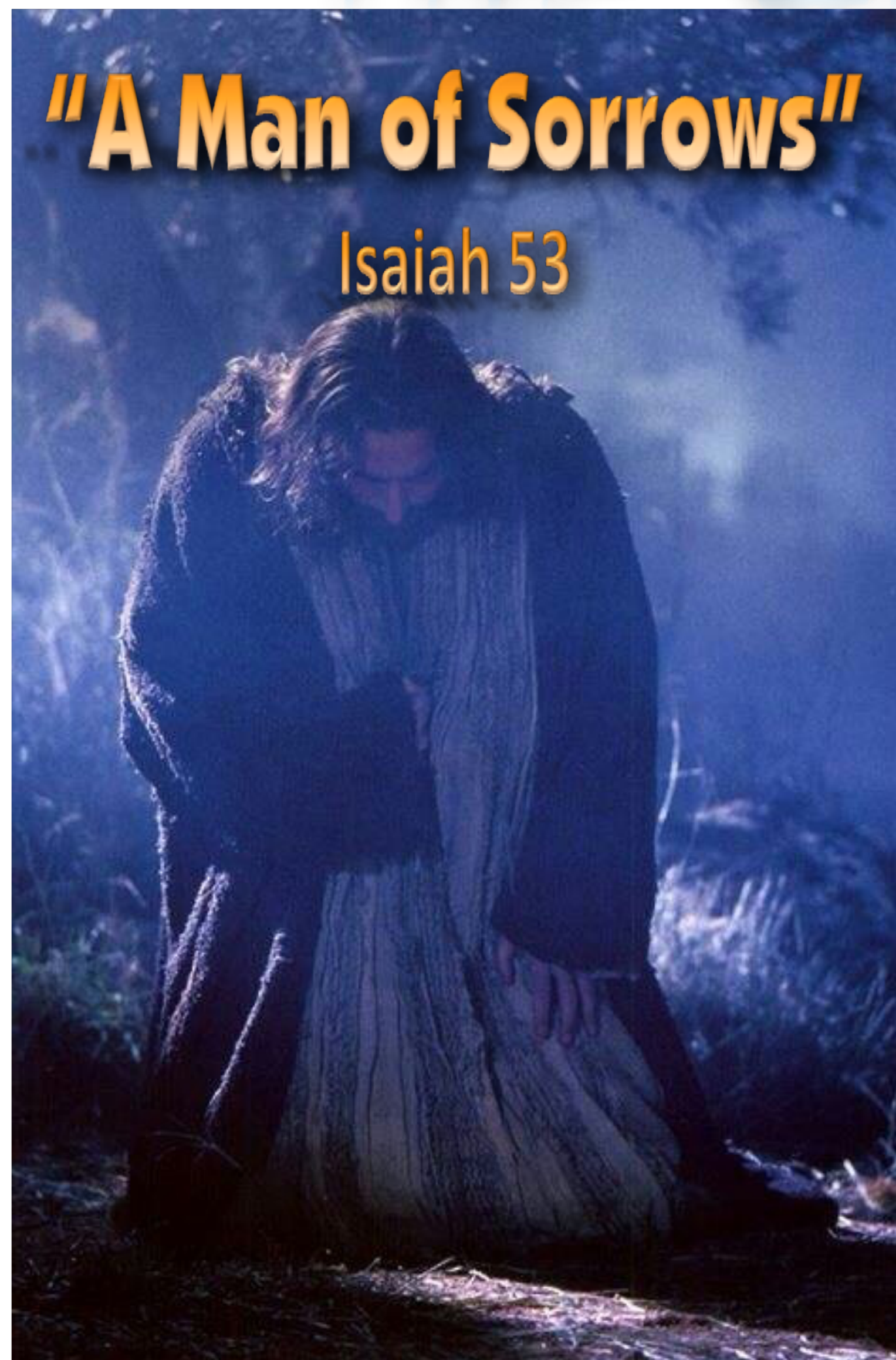
The Greatest Struggle

- Jesus did not insist His Father change His will, but for strength to bear His will.
- His willingness & desire to obey His Father, coupled with His love for us, took Him “as a lamb to the slaughter” to the cross.

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The Greatest Struggle

- If Jesus, as strong as He was, needed to pray for strength, then surely we need to pray as well.
- Prayer is to be practiced so we do not faint - (Luke 18:1).
- James said that if we suffer, we should pray (Ja 5:13-16).

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The Victory

Matthew 26:45-46 (NKJV)

⁴⁵ Then He came to His disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand."



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Matthew 26:45-46 (NKJV)

⁵¹ And suddenly, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. ⁵² But Jesus said to him, "Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword



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The Victory

Matthew 26:45-46 (NKJV)

⁵³ Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?”



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The Victory

John 18:11 (NKJV)

11 So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?"



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The Victory



- Jesus resigned Himself to His Father's will (Luke 22:42).
- He did not please Himself (Rom. 15:3).
- The Father answered His prayer - He was heard because of His godly fear (Lk 22:43, Heb 5:7; Psalm 22:24ff)
- He learned obedience through suffering (Heb 5:8; Phili 2:8)

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The Victory



- Surrendered, arrested and led to the high priest ...
- Struck, mocked, spit upon ...
- Led to Pilate, then to Herod & back to Pilate ...
- Mocked, scourged, crown of thorns ...
- Fell under the weight of His cross ...
- Crucified!

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LESSONS



- Jesus Warns Us – Are We Sleeping? (Matt. 26:41)
- Doing Right Doesn't Always Feel Good At The Moment (Matt. 26:39)
- When Temptation Comes, The Time To Prepare Is Past (Matt. 26:56)

THE AGONY OF THE CUP

LESSONS



- Jesus Went To His Death Willingly & Proved His Love - (Mat. 26:46; Jn 18:1-8) - What does our obedience prove? (Jn 14:23,24; 1 Jn 5:2,3)
- When We Trust God and His way, Suffering In Doing Right Leads To Glory (Lk. 24:13-32; 2 Cor. 4:7-18)

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LESSONS



- No one who is serious about being a Christian can remain unmoved as they think of Jesus' agony in the Garden.
- But why did he “drink the bitter cup”? Because he loved us so. It was our sin, indeed it was my sin (!) that took him there.

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2 Corinthians 5:14–15 (NKJV)

¹⁴ For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; ¹⁵ and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.



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Hebrews 5:5–11 (NKJV)

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Romans 10:17

John 8:24

Romans 10:9,10

Acts 17:30

Acts 2:38

Hebrews 3:15