

In the garden (Matt. 26:30-46),

# Christ's suffering was/is (fore)seen as...

**26:36** Then Jesus came with them to a place called *Gethsemane*, and said to the disciples, “Sit here while I go and pray over there.” **26:37** And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. **26:38** Then He said to them, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.” **26:39** 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.” (*Matthew 26:36-39*)

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a test  
of loyalty to God  
(fill in the blank)

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putting  
GOD FIRST  
(fill in the blank)

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submitting  
to the Father's will  
(fill in the blank)

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overcoming  
great temptation  
(fill in the blank)

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faced  
prayerfully (26:36-44)  
(fill in the blank)

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evidence of  
Jesus' perfect humanity  
(fill in the blank)

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unique,  
perfect obedience  
(fill in the blank)

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pleasing God  
through obedience  
(fill in the blank)

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in line with  
Hebrews 5:7-9 & 12:2-3  
(fill in the blank)

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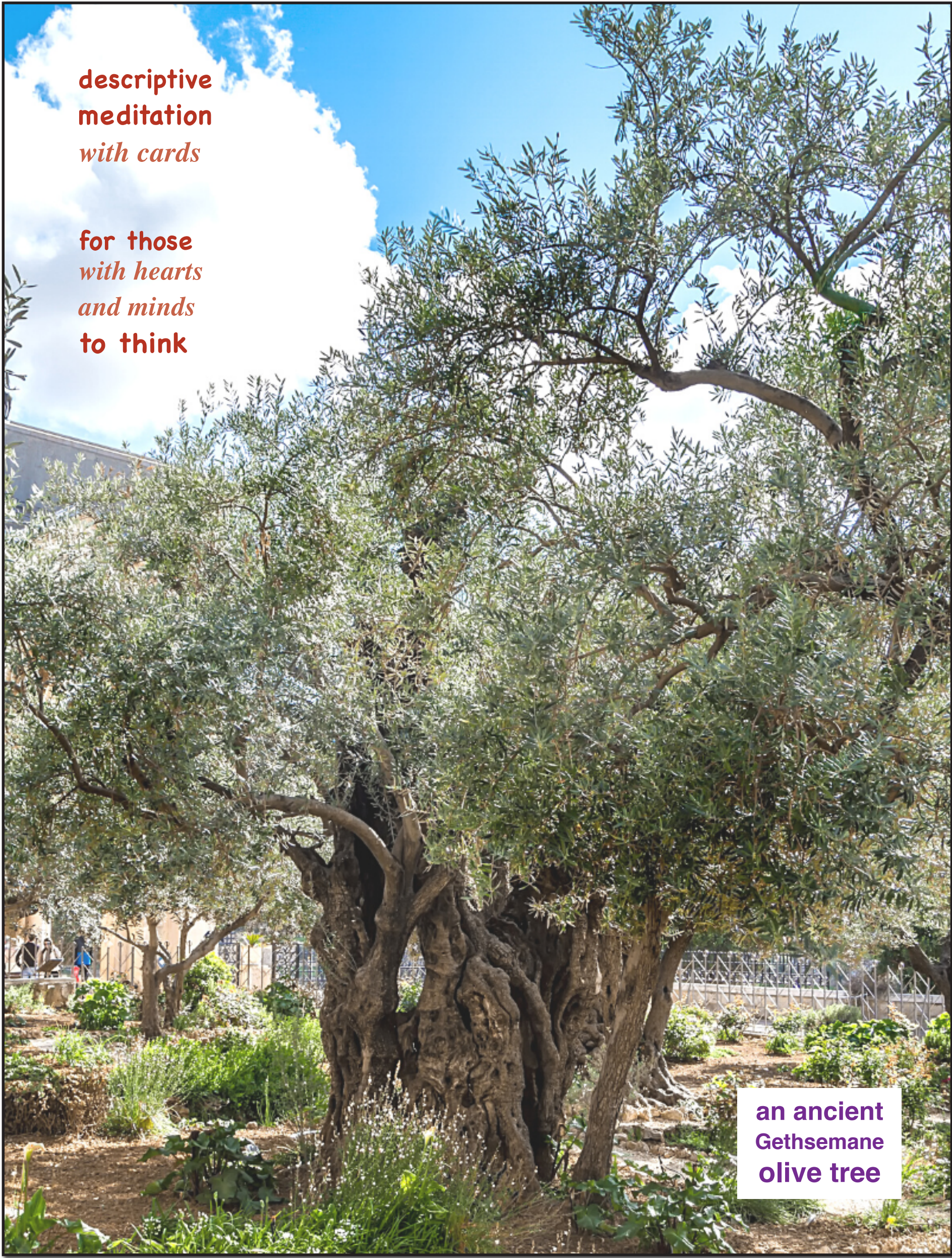
a  
stumbling block (26:31)  
(fill in the blank)

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difficult for  
the disciples (26:31)  
(fill in the blank)

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sorrowful but  
not without hope (26:32)  
(fill in the blank)



descriptive  
meditation  
with cards

for those  
with hearts  
and minds  
to think

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somewhat like  
facing childbirth  
(fill in the blank)

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Jesus'  
greatest struggle  
(fill in the blank)

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not just  
physical suffering  
(fill in the blank)

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the  
CUP of God's wrath  
(fill in the blank)

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the greatest  
suffering ever (26:38-39)  
(fill in the blank)

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emotionally  
intense (26:38)  
(fill in the blank)

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linked to  
the resurrection (26:32)  
(fill in the blank)

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explained  
much more fully later  
(fill in the blank)

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in line with  
2 Corinthians 5:21  
(fill in the blank)

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betrayal  
unto sinners (26:45)  
(fill in the blank)

**Directions:**

After reading through **Matthew 26:30-46** and other verses mentioned above using a good study Bible, consider and discuss how the suffering of Christ is described. *Do you agree with the various points made? Would you change some or add new ones? At the end of the study, discuss the most important descriptive phrases and make applications. In doing so, focus on the willingness of Jesus—who was a perfect Man as well as God—to suffer and how he faced doing so prayerfully and hopefully despite having such great sorrow.* — © 2023 by Jon F. Mahar, Hakusan City, Japan and Alexander, Maine, U.S.A.