



**Coffeeville First Baptist Church**  
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This past fall we went through a study of the Great Nights of the Bible. In that study, we considered the events of several pivotal nights in the Bible, but there was one great night that I intentionally left off, saving it for this time of year as we look forward to Easter. Though this night had begun as a night of celebration and feasting, some would say this night was not so great for this night would turn out to be a night of agony, betrayal, and denial.

follow Jesus as He makes His way along the road out of the city to the east. They pass through the city gate and travel down into the valley crossing the Kidron Brook before making their way up the other side of the valley to the top of the Mount of Olives, a mile-long ridge running parallel with Jerusalem across the Kidron Valley. As they approach the summit of the Mount of Olives, they come to a grove of olive trees on the western slope of the mount known as the Garden of Gethsemane.

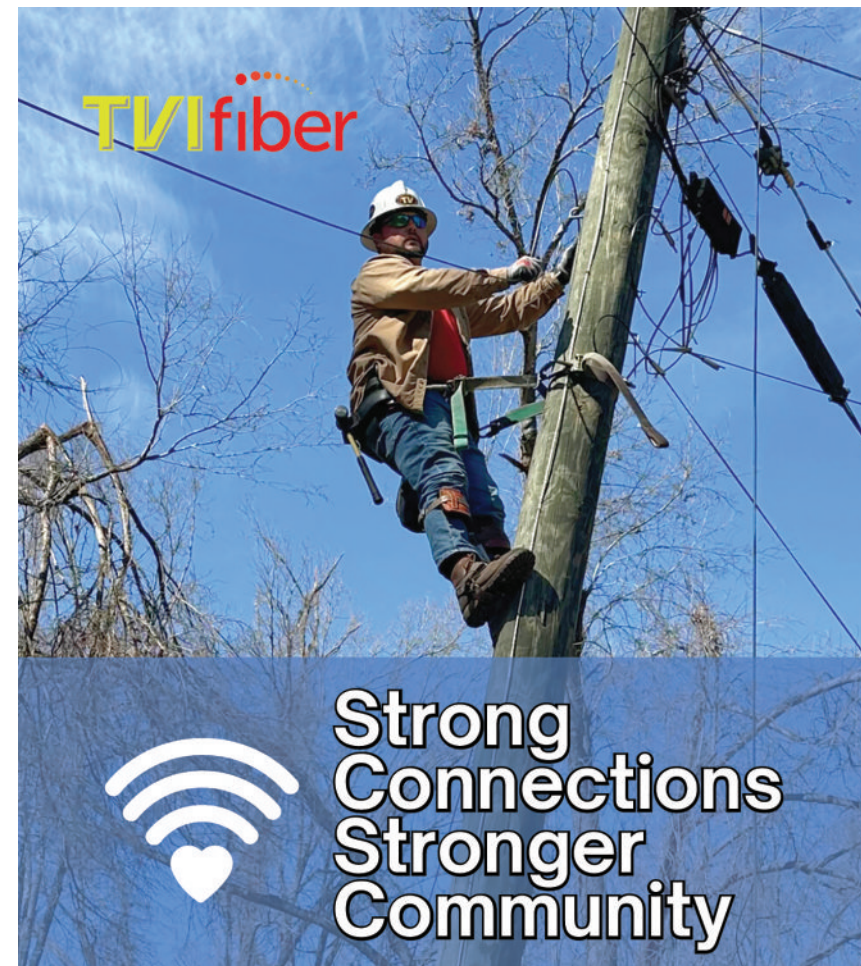
If we were to follow Jesus' footsteps that night it is here, at the edge of the garden, we would find He has left eight of His disciples. We look around to see Andrew, Bartholomew, James the son of Alphaeus, Matthew, Philip, Simon the Zealot, Thaddeus, and Thomas; no doubt slumbering at this late hour of the night. If we were to ask their business there, they would likely reply, "The Lord told us to wait here."

If we were to ask these eight, "Where are the others?" "They would reply that Jesus had taken Peter, James, and John on into the heart of the garden." "And what of Judas?" "We do not know. He left us in the upper room." Unbeknownst to them, at that very hour Judas was conspiring with the Jewish religious leaders cutting a deal for him to lead them to Jesus, accepting 30 pieces of silver for his betrayal, and soon a procession of Roman soldiers, temple guards, Pharisees, and the chief priest led by Judas would be heading this way.

As we move further into the garden, walking through the shadows cast by moonlight striking the thick olive branches overhead, we come to the three disciples whom Jesus had allowed to follow him into the garden: Peter, James, and John. These three, so highly honored by Jesus, were privileged and trusted to witness what the others have not such as the raising of Jairus' daughter from the dead and Jesus' glorious transfiguration on the mount. But now, the Sons of Thunder, James and John, the ones who had asked to be the greatest in His kingdom, are silent. Peter, who had boasted barely an hour ago how he would never forsake or deny Jesus, is also now silent. They had been asked to watch and pray, but sleep has overtaken them. But where is Jesus, the master of these disciples? If we listen closely, we can hear His soul crying out in the darkness ahead. "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39).

Moving further into the garden we find Him; alone, on His knees, face in the dirt, praying. Finishing His prayer, He rises and returns to find the three sleeping. Their spirit may have been willing, but their flesh was weak. Again, Jesus leaves them to watch and pray. As we follow Him a little further into the garden once more, He falls to His knees in earnest prayer. Speaking of Jesus, Luke 22:44 tells us, "And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground." It seems impos-

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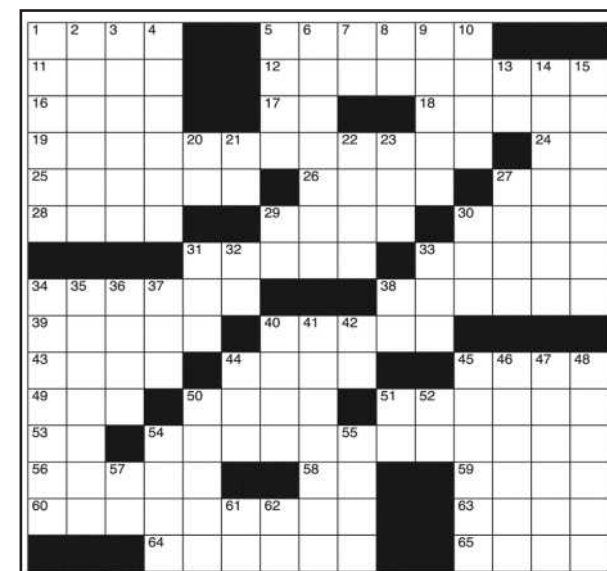
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- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. "Bird of Paradise" constellation
  - 5. Red Sox WS winner Bronson
  - 11. Whirl
  - 12. The State Dept. has a notable one
  - 16. Energy, style and enthusiasm
  - 17. Part of the mind
  - 18. Mountainous country
  - 19. Type of beverage
  - 24. Atomic #109
  - 25. Opposite of falsities
  - 26. Female sheep
  - 27. Rocky peak
  - 28. Sensitive information sharing environment
  - 29. Ethnic group of Thailand
  - 30. Patron saint of Rome Philip
  - 31. Psychedelics
  - 33. Japanese pine
  - 34. Have an impact on
  - 38. Violent disorder
  - 39. A French river
  - 40. Early Mesoamerican civilization
  - 43. Messenger ribonucleic acid
  - 44. Musician Clapton
  - 45. Ancient Greek sophist
  - 49. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
  - 50. Valley
  - 51. A way to unwind
  - 53. Atomic #93
  - 54. Recommending
  - 56. Indigo bush
  - 58. Larry and Curly's pal
  - 59. Off-Broadway theater award
  - 60. Fencers
  - 63. Small Eurasian deer (pl.)
  - 64. Relating to songbirds
  - 65. A way to assign

- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Some are "secret"
  - 2. Intestinal openings
  - 3. Distant planet
  - 4. Assembly possessing high legislative powers
  - 5. Genus of typical owls
  - 6. One with distinctively colored hair
  - 7. Red cross
  - 8. An alternative
  - 9. Abominable snowmen
  - 10. About ear
  - 13. The opening letters
  - 14. Feeling of regret
  - 15. Atomic #39
  - 20. Luteinizing hormone
  - 21. Atomic #55
  - 22. Carries a debt
  - 23. Albanian monetary unit
  - 27. Semitic abjad letter
  - 29. Yes
  - 30. Negative
  - 31. Earn a perfect score
  - 32. Connecticut
  - 33. Partner to cheese
  - 34. Snack nuts
  - 35. Quadruped's body part
  - 36. Locate
  - 37. Pitching statistic
  - 38. "... myself and I"
  - 40. Utah city northwest of Provo
  - 41. Football players in the trenches
  - 42. One who runs the show
  - 44. Wood
  - 45. Performing artists
  - 46. Slang for a cut
  - 47. More breathable
  - 48. Most crafty
  - 50. Provokes into action
  - 51. University of Dayton
  - 52. Sodium
  - 54. Large fish of the mackerel family
  - 55. Not one
  - 57. ... and behold
  - 61. Sports highlight show
  - 62. "The Great Lakes State"

**See Answers On Page 13**

**SUDOKU**

							6	
	1	9	6	7				5
						1		3
					8	5	3	6
2				3	6	7	1	
			8	6				9
	7	8						2
	9			1	2			

Level: intermediate

**Here's How It Works:** Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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**WORDS**

ATTENTION  
BRAIN  
CLARITY  
COGNITION  
EMOTIONS  
EXECUTIVE  
FLEXIBILITY  
FOCUS  
FUNCTION  
INFORMATION  
LEARNING  
MEMORY  
MINDFULNESS  
NEURAL  
NEUROPLASTICITY  
PERCEPTION  
PROBLEM SOLVING  
PROCESSING  
REACTION  
RESERVE  
RESILIENCE  
SLEEP  
STRESS  
SYNAPSES