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~~~~~"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." — JOHN 4:35~~~~~

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## Gethsemane

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... and a cheerful greeting to each and every listener of the broadcast. It will not be long now until our thoughts will be turning toward the glories of that resurrection day when Christ arose from the dead, never again to die. When we think of what the resurrection meant and how the chains of death were broken, it, indeed, gives us joy. Especially is this true when we realize that we, too, shall share in the resurrection. But for this broadcast I want to speak of something which was also necessary before the resurrection and that is--Gethsemane. When we think of Gethsemane we think of the anguish and the suffering and the praying which our Lord did in the garden. Yet, he resigned his will to that of his father for he said, "Not my will, but thine be done". But Gethsemane has become a symbol of suffering.

Briefly then, let us notice a few of those events which took place in the life of Jesus immediately preceding the trial, crucifixion, death, and burial. And I also hope that we may be made to realize how necessary it was that he should suffer and die. Had there been no death there could be no resurrection. In the 14th chapter of Mark and beginning with verse 22 we find these words, "And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body. And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it. And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many. Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Now Christ knew that he came into the world for the hour when he should offer

his life a sacrifice for the sins of the world. Therefore he showed the disciples how he was giving his body and blood as an atonement. Romans 5 and beginning with verse 8 reads this way, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life."

Don't you see how necessary it was that there should be a Gethsemane in the life of our Lord? But let us go back to that unforgettable night. After the passover supper and of course the new ordinance of the Lord's supper and the feetwashing Jesus went out to find a place of prayer. The sorrow weighed heavily upon him, and the sins of the world were placed upon him in

that hour of sorrow in Gethsemane. Mark 14:34 goes this way: "And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch." You see, Peter, James, and John had gone with him part of the way but their eyes were heavy with sleep. And Jesus bore his sorrow alone.

As if that was not enough, who should be the one to seek out our Lord to deliver him up to the chief priest and scribes but Judas? Or that is, the one to let the soldiers and those who came with them know who Jesus was. That was Judas who did that. Now Judas was one of his twelve disciples. Are you familiar with the token which he gave them when he identified Jesus from the crowd? Verse 45 tells about it, "And as soon as he was come, he goeth straightway to him, and saith, Master, master; and kissed him."

Then followed a dark night for Jesus as he was led away as a prisoner. Even his own disciples fled from him, although it is said of Peter that he followed afar off. Yet Peter denied him. Do you see what I mean by Gethsemane? Can you think of the sorrow and the burdens which weighed heavily upon him that night as he was led away to be tried and then to have his disciples to forsake him in this manner?

The morning light brought little comfort and relief in his sorrow. He was brought before Pilate and accused by the Jews. I really believe Pilate desired to have him released and even Pilate's wife sent a message to Pilate telling him to have nothing to do with that just person for she had suffered many things of him in a dream. Do you know how Pilate attempted to relieve himself of the guilt of the judgment

which was passed upon Christ? He called for a pan of water and in it he washed his hands to show that he was innocent of the blood of Christ. Yet, was he innocent? Did God overlook his guilt? Well, that is something we will just leave until the judgment and then of course it will be made known as to how Pilate stood and does stand or will stand I should say, before the judgment. Before the sun set that day our Lord had been taken away to Golgotha's hill. It was there he shed his blood on the old rugged cross. Friends, it was for my sins and for yours that he died.

Now I want you to listen to the words of this song, "Thy will be done." It is not one of those songs that you would want to clap your hands to, it is not one of those songs with a lively tune, but the melody and the words and the spiritual meaning is one which should make us pause for a moment from the busy cares of life and say, "How could it be that Christ loved me so?" But here it is. The singers are: Robert and Mildred Sherman, Robert Mays, Willie Weldon, and Lucille Francisco.

Let us pray.

Our gracious Father,

We are glad that Christ endured the sorrows of Gethsemane and committed himself to thy will and became willing to give his own life that through him we might live. Help us to be good ambassadors for the Lord and bless each listener of The Mission Trail broadcast and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Listen now to these verses:

My soul had longed for more of God,  
More glory in the cross,



But never dreamed that it must come  
Through such a bitter loss.

But some of them that understand--  
In Daniel we are told--  
Shall fall, alas, in time of end,  
Though white, and tried as gold.

Thus wisdom speaks in thunder tones,  
O earth, behold his signs!

The end is nigh, the Savior comes,  
How perilous the times!

I can not chide His providence,  
But count it all the best;  
For in each storm of violence  
I sink to sweeter rest.

'Tis good to learn in furnace flame  
What Christ the Lord can do:  
Oh, blessed be his holy name!  
He gently leads me through.

--D. S. Warner

Friends, it has been a pleasure to  
bring you this short gospel message.  
We hope that you will be with us again  
on the broadcast next Sunday at this  
same time. If you'd like a printed  
copy free of charge, be sure to let us  
know. There is no cost or obligation  
and now until we meet again this is  
Willie Murphey saying may God's  
richest blessings be with each of you  
and a very cheerful good-bye!

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From Calif. : "I am so glad I had a few  
minutes visit with you. I enjoyed it so  
much. I made it home OK, ran into a  
snowstorm as soon as we got to Texas  
but when we reached Amarillo it wasn't  
snowing--nice trip the rest of the way.  
I've been so busy since I got home I've  
hardly stopped. So much at home and  
at work to catch up on. Sister McMains  
passed away and was buried Saturday.  
I must close. It's time to get ready to  
go back to work. . . "

--Mary Reece

## Testimonies

From Miss. : "Greetings in Jesus dear  
name. I appreciate what you are doing  
for God very much. I enjoy the good  
papers, letters, prayers and for you  
dear saints that have been to my home.  
I enjoy it so much after you leave I have  
a very thankful prayer to God for you  
coming. Those things mean a lot to  
me. God has blessed us in many ways  
for which I praise Him. One thing my  
ankle seems better it was so bad, did  
not know but what would lose it. We  
have other ailments continue to pray  
for us. Am still trusting him. I be-  
lieve he is going to help me. He has  
done so many wonderful healings for  
me. I expect to go with Him all the  
way. Pray that will always keep en-  
couraged."

--Dorothy Bridges

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From Ark. : Greetings to all. As I  
was lying here not feeling well with a  
cold and something wrong with one  
arm and shoulder and my nerves have  
been bad lately the Lord impressed  
me to get up and write a little testi-  
mony still in sadness of our mother's  
passing March 13. Mother was in  
hospital almost a month, very low dif-  
ferent times. I truly thank the Lord  
how he helped me in body during this  
time also all the saints for their pray-  
ers who knew about it. We talked to  
her and prayed with and for her during  
this time. Sorry we did not see any  
more spiritual results than we did.  
She did call on the Lord for help and  
told us about 1 or 2 days before her  
passing she was ready, but we had to  
leave this up to the Lord. It surely  
doesn't pay to put off salvation. I do  
thank every one for their prayers,  
flowers, cards and letter of help, also  
food, in every way. We have other  
request so pray for us as we do others.

--Opal Bradley



From Calif.: "Greeting in Jesus precious name. Your letter found me still encouraged to press on for God. Well we are getting ready to go to the Los Angeles meeting which starts Friday March 28. So I need your prayers. I mean to give my time and talent to God what few days I am here. Well I won't be working soon because after this meeting we are planning for the Florida meeting if it is the Lord's will for me to go you pray much for me that I be led by his spirit. I am in a hurry to get this in the mail. I just work for a lady 2 days a month now. So since I am going away I will miss those days. But God has a way for his children. May the Lord bless you is my prayers . . . Your sister,"--Mattie Francisco

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From Pa.: "Praise the Lord for all the blessings of each day. He is so precious to me today. I love Him more. When it is dark outside, we have the sunshine of God's love in our hearts. When the devil presses us sore, then we can draw closer to Him. What a mighty God we serve! We have rain here and dark clouds, but we need the rain as well as the sunshine to bring out the flowers and the green of Spring. God knows our every need and He has promised to supply all our needs. Am so glad for the Mission Trail paper. Would like to hear the broadcast, but it's too far away for us, but when we read it, it gives us such a blessing. I read it to Mother. Sometimes we have lots of interruptions, such as phone calls and someone comes in to talk, so have to read it in installments, but it is a real spiritual blessing to us. Please pray for my unsaved husband. He is so near and yet so far. He just needs to yield to our dear Lord and Savior. . . Also my daughter needs prayer. She is to be divorced and his family takes the little girl four days

at the first of the month and she gets all upset. Probably I have told you all this before, but it is a burden on my heart and if she would turn to God and live for Him, He could help her to do His will and live for Him and teach this dear little one the ways of God and right. She is taking the world and teaching her all the awful music. I teach her the hymns of the church and she wants to do right and sings them so well. No wonder Jesus said "Except we become as little children, we couldn't see the kingdom of God" for little children are easily led. . . May God bless you and your family in all you do for Him."

--Eva Cox

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From S. C.: "Just a few lines to let you hear from me as I am not so well in body but still trusting the Lord and looking to him for all my need. . Well I haven't gotten a Mission Trail since Jan. or Feb. I would like to know something, they might be misplaced or just held up in the mail or you just overlooked my name. I would love to get them. They mean so much to me when I can sit and read them. It makes me think of how much I enjoyed being up there last year but wasn't able to make it this year but if the Lord's will I do want to be in some of the camp meetings this summer. Please remember me in prayer. I feel weak sometimes with no one to help me or pray with me. I sure do miss my companion but then I say well the Lord is with me. I would love to get you on the radio. But I can't get you here but I think about it. Remember me to the church. I need your prayers. I want to be what the Lord wants me to be. I don't get to go to service as often as I would love to but thank the Lord for when I can get there. Hope all of you are well and remember me."

--Sis. Winter



# at press time

we understand:

From N. M.: "Only hope you are all well and the dear Lord richly bless every one in service to a worthy cause. Always love to receive your paper Mission Trail. It encourages and gives help in many ways to keep pressing on for the blessed Lord. He is ever a help in time of need. . . Love and best wishes,"

--Mrs. Ruth Doolittle

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From Kan.: "I'm glad I can tell you tonight that I have victory in my soul, and a determination to press on for surely this is the way of the 'old rugged cross' but a beautiful way. I have no desires in my heart to follow the ways of the world. . . We received the Mission Trail today and I had time to read it tonight and I do enjoy it. It is a blessing to my soul. God brought to my mind one evening to take three of the Mission Trail papers to the laundry mat and put them in the literature rack. I told the Lord that I would if He would remind me that evening as I was going to wash. God didn't let me forget them, but the Devil surely put up a fight against me. One time God gave me a dream of the defeated devil and I surely thank God for it. I believe there has been times that the devil would have defeated me, if it hadn't of been for that dream. We surely must live a very careful life. Well how are each one of you tonight? I pray God to bless each one of you in just the way you need it. Forrest is getting along pretty well, still has some cold. Naomi is still working. . ."

--Mamie Norcutt

From S. C.: "Today finds me still pressing on for the Lord. I am doing all I know to please him. I go about every day begging the Lord to keep me from falling and in the center of his will. I meet up with so many things that Satan has to offer but I tell him to get hence behind me in Jesus name and I find he will flee, but that don't stop him from trying again and again to devour me. I guess he will keep on trying to deceive me until my eyes are closed in death. But I don't mean to let anything separate me from the love of God. I am grounded and settled in this truth and mean to stay in it until the Lord says it is enough come home. One of our boys is in the army now. He had to leave on the 18th of March. We are asking all the saints to pray with us for God to save his soul and spare his life if it is his will."

--Sis. Crummie

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The broadcast and publishing of the Mission Trail each week requires considerable time and expense. Nevertheless Jesus instructed his disciples to "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give." We believe that the God whom we serve today is the same that he was in the past and ever shall be in the future. Our services for the Lord are without charge. But we can only do this as the means are provided. We appreciate those who are standing by with their prayers and support. Will you continue to help us send out the gospel?



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For some it will come true: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. Let us hasten with the message which Jesus gave: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."



## Broadcast Schedule

Listen for THE MISSION TRAIL weekly on one of the following stations:

| RADIO STATION | LOCATION              | DIAL SETTING | TIME               |
|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| KGGF          | Coffeyville, Kansas   | 690 kc.      | Sunday, 8:00 a. m. |
| KCKW          | Jena, Louisiana       | 1480 kc.     | Sunday, 7:30 a. m. |
| KCLO          | Leavenworth, Kansas   | 1410 kc.     | Sunday, 3:00 p. m. |
| WFPR          | Hammond, Louisiana    | 1400 kc.     | Sunday, 7:45 a. m. |
| KCIJ          | Shreveport, Louisiana | 980 kc.      | Sunday, 7:30 a. m. |

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