

PETER AND JOHN ASLEEP IN GETHSEMANE

Mark 14: 32-54

After the Supper that Jesus and his disciples ate together in Jerusalem when he took the place of a servant and washed their feet, they walked out into the quiet moonlight. Through the city streets they went, on out to a beautiful garden on the side of the mountain, called



the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him into this Garden to pray.

Jesus left the disciples and walked on a little way to pray alone. The next day was to be the saddest and most terrible of all his life. He needed strength from the heavenly Father. When his prayer was ended he went

back to his three friends—but they were asleep. When you are ill, and mother stays up all night with you, she does not go to sleep, because you need her and she loves you; and it seems as if Peter, James, and John should have been like that.

Jesus was disappointed and sorry, but he excused the disciples, for he knew how tired they were. Twice again Jesus went away to pray, and each time when he came back the disciples were asleep. They did not see the angel that came to Jesus to comfort and strengthen him. When Jesus came back for the third time he told them that they might sleep on, now. He did not need them any longer, for, coming from