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Topic: **The Life of Apostle Peter – Watching with Christ**

Scripture Text: Matthew 26: 36-46

1. This is the only account that the Lord Jesus asked His disciples to watch with Him as He knew that He would be arrested, suffered and then crucified. The disciples would be tested at this hour to stand for Christ or not.

2. In verses 36-38, we knew it was a needful request. Watching with Christ is still needful today as we face our sorrows and struggles in life. For Christ, the sorrow that He faced was even unto death. In our lives, Satan wants to bring down the name of Jesus by ruining our testimony if we do not watch in prayer.

3. In verses 39-40, it was a purposeful request. Watch and pray that we fall not into temptation. We need to watch and pray as we are always facing spiritual battles. The disciples were too physically tired that they went to sleep instead of praying. We must go through our day on God's strength. It is so easy to forget the Lord but so needful to trust the Lord every moment in our lives.

4. In verses 41-46, it was a timely request. Jesus wanted to do the will of His father. As the disciples' eyes were heavy, Jesus Christ's heart was heavy for He knew what was going to happen. The disciples just slept and eventually Peter denied the Lord and the other disciples ran away. When the disciples woke up, it was already too late to start watching and praying for temptation would already have come.

5. Let us always remember to watch and pray so that we can be strong spiritually for the Lord.