

## **The Gospel Gardens**

Genesis 3:15; Matthew 26:36; John 19:41-42

### **A. God's Story is Told in Gardens**

1. Throughout Scripture, God often works in gardens.
2. They are places of beauty, life, and encounter.
3. Gardens are not accidental; they reflect:
  - a. A loving Designer (planning, order, beauty, purpose)
  - b. A faithful Provider (fruit, provision, sustenance)
4. The Gospel story unfolds across three key gardens:
  - a. Eden – where sin entered and the promise was given
  - b. Gethsemane – where the Saviour surrendered
  - c. The Garden Tomb – where victory was secured
5. The Bible begins in a garden and points us toward restoration.
6. What was lost in one garden is redeemed in another.

### **B. The Garden of Eden – The Promised Saviour (Genesis 3:15)**

1. After Creation, God planted a garden (2:8)
2. It was a Garden of Perfection
  - a. It was a garden of beauty (pleasant to the eyes)
  - b. It was a garden of bounty (good for food)
3. A place of perfect provision & perfect fellowship with God
4. The Garden became home for Adam and Eve
  - a. All their needs were supplied from the Garden
  - b. God met them in the Garden for fellowship
5. It Was A Garden Of Responsibility
6. Man was responsible to work the Garden & care for it. (Gen 3:15)
7. There was but one restriction in this Garden: avoid the forbidden tree.
8. It Was A Garden Of Failure
9. Temptation entered through the serpent
10. Disobedience led to: Shame, Separation, & Spiritual death
11. Disobedience led to temptation and the Fall (vv. 4-13)
12. It was also A Garden of Promise
13. Even in judgment, God gave hope with the promise of redemption (Gen. 3:15)
14. The serpent would bruise His heel, but Christ would crush the serpent's head
15. Sin entered the garden, God didn't abandon humanity. He announced a Saviour.

### **C. The Garden of Gethsemane Sheltered the Praying Saviour (Matt. 26:36)**

1. Jesus entered the Garden of Gethsemane to pray.
2. It became a Place of Deep Sorrow
3. The Saviour's sorrow was poured out in the Garden.

9. A Place of Intense Prayer
10. Great drops of His blood fell to the ground during His intense praying
11. How puny our prayers seem in comparison to His that day!
12. A Place of Divine Strengthening
13. Angels minister to Him (Luke 22:43)
14. A Place of Submission
15. The greatest prayer ever prayed: “Nevertheless... Your will be done”
16. Eden shows us a man who said, “My will be done.”
17. Gethsemane shows us the Son who said, “Your will be done.”
18. The hardest prayer for us is still the same "Your will be done"
19. Have we been willing to make that our prayer?
20. True discipleship begins where our will bows to His

**D.            The Garden of the Tomb - the Powerful Saviour (John 19:41-42)**

1. A Place of Burial
2. Here the Crucifixion is past. Christ has died for sinners—for you and me
3. The prophecies in the Scriptures have been fulfilled (Isa. 53)
4. A Place of Fulfillment
5. The cross completed redemption. Sin’s debt has been paid in full
6. A Place of Resurrection Power
7. The stone is rolled away. The tomb is empty.
8. The grave clothes remain—but Jesus is gone
9. A Place of Victory
10. Death is defeated, Satan is crushed, Hope is secured
11. What looked like defeat in the garden became the greatest victory in history.
12. The garden tomb became the scene of the Resurrection
13. The stone closing the tomb was rolled away (20:1)
14. The linen clothes were there but not Jesus (20:5)
15. Death could not hold our powerful Saviour

**E.            The Gospel In Three Gardens**

1. The Message of the Gardens
2. Eden → *A Promised Saviour*
3. Gethsemane → *A Praying Saviour*
4. Garden Tomb → *A Powerful Saviour*
5. The promise has been fulfilled. Will you trust Him to save you today?
6. Will you surrender to His will? Follow Him beyond Gethsemane
7. Will you live in resurrection power? The empty tomb changes everything
8. God is still working in “gardens” today - the garden of your heart
9. Will you let Him plant His grace, grow His truth, & bring forth new life in you?
10. Will you allow His love to bloom in the garden of your heart?