

Garden of Prayer

Sample Page

Peter... (the Denial)

(Lights still up from Last Supper scene.....)

Music fades from REMEMBER ME

He asked us to remember... How could we forget?

Crowd begins to fade to sides of stage.

At the Passover Feast that night, He told us that we would fall away on account of Him. I said to Him "Even if all fall away on account of You, I never will!"

Then He looked at me,.... He looked straight into my eyes and He said, Peter, "This very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."

Huh! That was preposterous! I said, "Even if I have to die with You, I will never disown you."

(Lights begin to dim on stage, spot up on Peter)

Then He took us to a place, it was a garden called GETHSEMANE. He told all of us to sit there while He went to pray. As He went, He paused and He called me and James and John. I had never seen Him like that. He was deeply distressed and troubled. He said "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death... Stay here, right here and keep watch." He went further on. We could hear Him praying, almost crying out to the Father to "remove this cup." "Yet not what I will, but what You will."

Well, it was late. We had had a big meal. It was so hard to stay awake. He came and woke us up. You know, He said my name – but He called me Simon. He had changed it to Peter, but this time He called me Simon. He said, "Could you not keep watch for one hour? The spirit is willing, but the body is weak." He went back and we tried to stay awake... He came again and then again... And this time He said "Are you still sleeping? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise! Let us go! Here comes My betrayer!"