No Greater Love  
Session 1: The Prayer of the Agony: Jesus in Gethsemane  
Video Outline  

I. “Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends”  
   (John 15:13)  

II. Holy Week  
   A. Jesus enters Jerusalem riding on a donkey  
   B. The Cleansing of the Temple  
   C. The Last Supper  
   D. The Passion  

III. The Mount of Olives  
   A. David and Jesus both crossed the Kidron Valley and prayed here (see 2 Samuel 15:13-31; Luke 22:39-46; John 18:1)  
   B. David and Jesus were both betrayed by close friends, Ahithophel and Judas  
   C. Both Ahithophel and Judas hanged themselves  
   D. It is prophesied that the Lord would stand on the Mount of Olives (On that Day God’s feet will stand on the Mount of Olives. Zechariah 14:4)  

IV. The Great Battle  
   A. The devil is the unseen dark force behind Jesus’ passion  
      1. After his temptation in the desert, the devil departed from Jesus “until an opportune time” (Luke 4:13)  
      2. Jesus confronts the powers of darkness by  
         a. raising people from the dead  
         b. liberating people from their sins  
         c. expelling demons  
      3. Satan enters Judas, who betrays Jesus to the chief priests (see Luke 2:3-6)  
      4. Jesus tells his disciples that Satan demands to have them and sift them like wheat (see Luke 22:31)  
      5. Jesus says to his captors, “This is your hour, and the power of darkness” (Luke 22:53)  
      6. That Opportune Time of the Devil begins right here in Gethsemane.  

V. Sorrowful unto Death  
   A. Jesus was “greatly distressed” (Mark 14:33, recalling Psalm 55:4-5)  
   B. “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death” (Mark 14:34, recalling Sirach 37:2)  
   C. “It is not a grief to the death when a companion and friend turns to enmity” (Sirach 37:2)  
   D. “He fell on the ground and prayed” (Mark 14:35)  
   E. How did Jesus Heart suffer?
VI. The Garden of Gethsemane
A. John’s Gospel mentions there was a garden there (see John 18:1)
B. Gethsemane (Aramaic): oil press
C. The rock structure in the Church of All Nations is venerated as the site where Jesus came to pray

VII. The Angel and the Blood
A. An angel came to strengthen Jesus (see Luke 22:43)
   1. An angel protected the three youths in the fiery furnace (see Daniel 3:26)
   2. An angel rescues the apostles from prison (see Acts 5:19; 12:6-11)
   3. An angel ministers to Jesus after his temptation in the desert (see Matthew 4:11)
B. Jesus was in agony and his sweat became like drops of blood (see Luke 22:44)

VIII. Why Peter, James, and John?
A. The same apostles Jesus brought to witness his Transfiguration (see Luke 9:28-36)
B. The Transfiguration prepared the apostles for Christ’s passion (see CCC 555)
   “You were transfigured on the mountain, and your disciples, as much as they were capable of it, beheld your glory, O Christ our God, so that when they should see you crucified they would understand that your Passion was voluntary, and proclaim to the world that you truly are the splendor of the Father.”

IX. How Jesus Invited the Apostles to stay awake with Him.
A. What ways are we called to stay awake with Jesus?
B. Apostles feel asleep in the Moment of Truth as they did not know it was coming.
C. In the Moment of Truth if we don’t recognize it – we miss out!

X. The Prayer of the Agony (see Matthew 26:39)
A. Heart of Jesus’ Prayer to the Father: “And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, “My Father, if it be possible, let this chalice pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”
B. Jesus is fully human and fully divine
C. Jesus surrenders his human will to his Father’s will and embraces his cross

XI. “Watch and Pray” (Mark 14:38)
A. To watch means to be vigilant
B. Be on guard against the devil (see 1 Peter 5:8)
   1. Call on the name of Jesus
   2. Make the Sign of the Cross
   3. Call upon your guardian angel
   4. Watch and pray with Jesus in Adoration, especially on Holy Thursday