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Leader: Even after he urged us to keep the faith lest we succumb to temptation in the time of trial...

All: we fell asleep while he prayed in the garden and ran when the soldiers arrived.

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