

## Matthew 26-28 • In the Garden

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1. (Gen. 2:8-9, 15-18, 22) The **First** Garden: The Garden of **Eden**.
2. (Gen. 3:1-7) It is a **choice** to pursue one's own desire instead of God's **Word**.
3. (Gen. 3:14-17a) Everyone's **sin** had to be dealt with.
4. (Gen. 3:22-24) The Garden of Eden is a picture of everyone's participation in God's **salvific** plan.
5. (Mt. 23:36-46) The **Second** Garden: The Garden of **Gethsemane**.
  - a. The first Adam was tempted and **failed**, the Second Adam is tempted and does not **fail**.
  - b. The focus of the first Garden **strays** from the Father, the second Garden never **strays** from the Father.
  - c. In both Gardens each of the Adams' **helpers** failed.
  - d. The first Adam did not discern the motives of **Satan** his betrayer through **Eve**, the Second Adam was acutely aware of **Satan** the betrayer through **Judas**.
  - e. The Second Garden goes further into God's **salvific** plan.
6. (Mt. 27:56-61) Jesus' **tomb** is in a garden, just as **death** was found in the First Garden.
7. (Mt. 27:62-66) Both gardens had **guards** set at their entrance.
8. (Mt. 28:1-7) The Garden of **Victory** vs. the Garden of **Defeat**
  - a. The first Garden produced failure and **defeat**; this Garden produces **victory**.
  - b. Mankind was thrown out of the first Garden and a **guard** placed at its entrance; the **guard and stone** covering this entrance has been removed.
  - c. The man's helpmate conveyed the words and desires of **Satan** in the first Garden; here man's helpmate conveys **God's**.
  - d. Because of sin in the first Garden man **ran and hid** from God; victory over sin here led man to **run and seek** God.
9. (Mt. 28:8-9) In the first Garden God first deals with **Satan** and then the **woman**; so it is in the Second Garden.
10. (Mt. 28:16-20) In the first Garden fellowship with God is **broken**; in the second Garden fellowship with God is **restored**.
11. Bonus Question: Where is the Third Garden?
  - a. **Revelation 22:1-2**
  - b. First there is **creation** – the First Garden.
  - c. Second there is **re-creation** – the Second Garden.
  - d. Finally there is **new creation** – The Third Garden