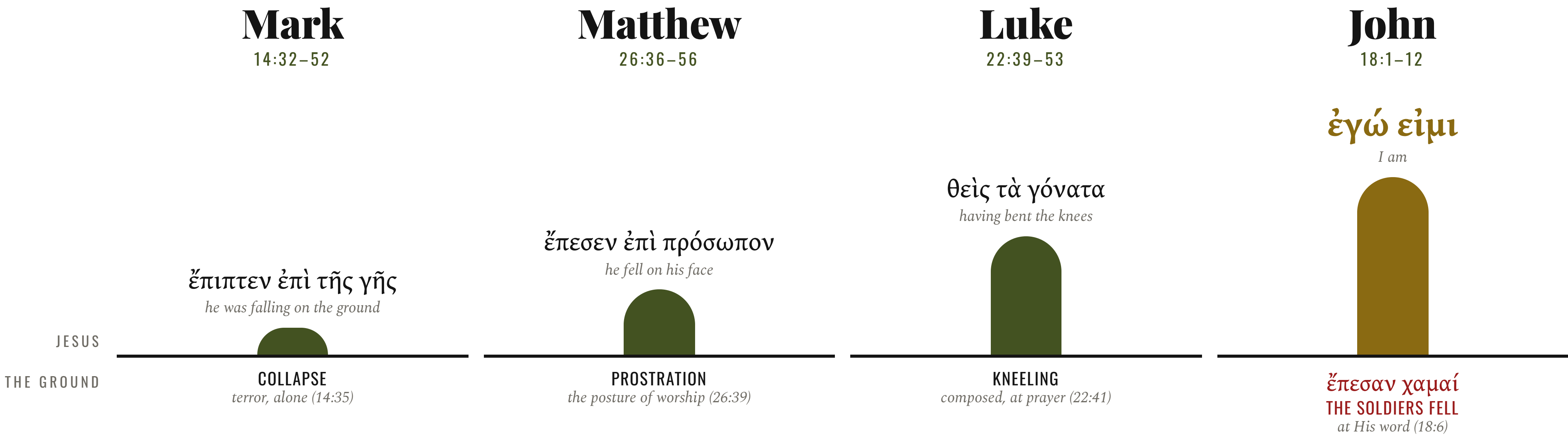


Four Gospels, one garden

WHO FELL TO THE GROUND?

Mark, Matthew, Luke and John each tell the night of the arrest. Read them side by side and the posture changes. *In Mark, Jesus is on the ground. In John, the soldiers are.*

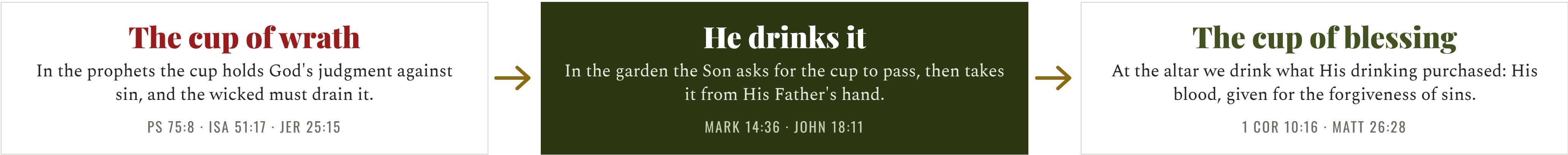


True man on the ground. **True God**, and His captors fall before Him.

I FOUR WITNESSES, ONE CHRIST

THE PRAYER	“Abba, Father.” Only Mark keeps the Aramaic word, the address of a child. “Remove this cup from me.”	“My Father.” The prayer moves from “let this cup pass” to “your will be done,” the Third Petition.	One prayer, framed twice: “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.” 22:40, 46	No prayer of agony at all. The cup is already accepted: “Shall I not drink it?” 18:11
ONLY HERE	A young man flees naked, leaving his linen cloth in the hands of the guard. 14:51–52	Twelve legions of angels, more than 72,000, and Jesus will not call them. Judas is greeted as “Friend.”	An angel strengthens Him. His sweat falls like drops of blood. He heals the servant's ear.	He asks, “Whom do you seek?” He names Himself, and the arrest waits on His permission.
THE DISCIPLES	“They all left him and fled.” He bears the judgment with no one beside Him.	They sleep and scatter, “that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.”	They sleep “for sorrow.” Luke treats their weakness gently.	“Let these men go.” The Shepherd surrenders Himself so that none of the flock is lost.
PORTRAIT	The isolated substitute	The obedient Son	The compassionate healer	The divine conqueror

II THE CUP



What we receive at the rail is the fruit of what He endured in the garden.

III WORDS FROM THE GARDEN

Gat shemanim

ARAMAIC · GETHSEMANE
The oil press, where olives are crushed. “He was crushed for our iniquities.” Isa 53:5

γρηγορεῖτε

GRÉGOREITE · MARK 13:37; 14:38
Watch. The disciples fail the very test He set for them earlier that week.

ἐκθαμβεῖσθαι

EKTHAMBEISTHAI · MARK 14:33
To be overcome with horror. Mark does not soften the scene.

ἀγωνία

AGŌNIA · LUKE 22:44
The strain of a contest. Luke shows a battle fought in prayer against the power of darkness.

Ἄββά

ABBA · MARK 14:36
The family word for father, spoken by the Son in the hour of dread.

ἐγὼ εἰμι

EGŌ EIMI · JOHN 18:5–6
I am, the name God gave at the burning bush (Exod 3:14). Armed men fall back at the sound of it.

HIS TRUE HUMANITY

He trembled.

A real human will recoiled from the cup. Mark's words of terror, the cry of Abba and Luke's sweat like blood show a man who suffered as we do.

HIS TRUE DIVINITY

He did not falter.

Twelve legions waited on His word, and a cohort fell at His name. No one took His life from Him; He laid it down (John 10:18).

Only a true man could die in our place. Only true God could bear the wrath against the sins of the whole world.

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Not what I will, **but what you will.**