

Jesus In Gethsemane, The Prayer And The Betrayal

Matthew 26:36-56

Intro:

- A. **The way to the cross was interrupted by prophesied events.**
 - 1. The meaning of Passover.
 - 2. The betrayal of Jesus.
 - 3. His trial and sentence to death.

- B. **In these verses we see two primary events.**
 - 1. His prayers in the garden of Gethsemane.
 - 2. His betrayal by Judas.

I. Jesus In Gethsemane, His Prayer.

- A. **Jesus went to pray.**
 - 1. He was with His disciples. **V.36**
 - 2. He chose three Apostles to go with Him. **V.37**
 - 3. Matthew 4:21, Peter, James, and John.

- B. **Jesus and His sorrow.**
 - 1. sorrowful = λυπεω = "to be grieved," "to be sad." **V.37**
 - 2. very heavy = αδημονεω = "to be distressed," It implies a restless, distracted shrinking from some trouble or thought which nevertheless cannot be avoided.
 - 3. exceeding sorrowful = περιλυπος = "to be surrounded by grief and distress." **V.38**

- C. **The prayer of Jesus, His first.**
 - 1. He fell on His face. **V.39**
 - 2. possible = δυνατος = passive "capable of being done"
 - 3. pass = παρερχομαι = "pass along by"
 - 4. will = θελω = to wish, to desire
 - 5. "...let this cup pass form me..."

- D. **The weakness of the three.**
 - 1. They were found asleep. **V.40**
 - 2. Jesus expected an effort, one hour.
 - 3. temptation = πειρασμος = "a putting to the test" **v.41**

4. willing = προθυμος = "having a passionate mind," "predisposed", "enthusiastic heart"
5. weak = ασθενης = "feeble," "wanting power"

E. The second prayer of Jesus.

1. "...if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it..." **v.42**
2. "...thy will be done."
3. His companions were found sleeping. **v.43**
4. "...for their eyes were heavy..."

F. Jesus prayed a third time.

1. "...saying the same words..." **v.44**
2. "Sleep on now, and take your rest."
3. rest = αναπαυω = "to rest one's self", here middle, the idea of previous toil or suffering is included.

G. His final commitment.

1. "...sleep on...the hour is at hand..." **v.45**
2. "Rise, let us be going, ...he is at hand..." **v.46**

II. Jesus In Gethsemane, His Betrayal.

A. Judas came to Jesus. v.47

1. He came with a great multitude.
2. He came with a great number of weapons.
3. He came with authority.
4. He came with a kiss. **Vs.48-49**
5. He came with a foolish request! Hold Him fast!

B. Jesus and Judas.

1. He called Judas "friend". **v.50**
2. friend = σταιπος = "companion," "associate"

C. Peter and Judas.

1. John 18:10
2. Peter defended Jesus. **v.51**
3. Carnal weapons are ineffective in spiritual warfare. **v.52** 2 Corinthians 10:4 - "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but might through God to the pulling down of strongholds."
4. God had not caused Jesus to be helpless. **v.53**

