

## Lessons from the Garden

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Mark 14:32-42

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### The Humanity of Jesus

- Judas knew that Jesus went regularly to the garden<sup>Jn18:2</sup>
- Jesus apparently knew He would be betrayed there
- The garden passage shows us Jesus' humanity

### Gethsemane is a Place of Prayer

- Prayer – acknowledgment of our dependence on God
- That's why we find it hard to pray – we're too proud!
- Jesus, 2<sup>nd</sup> person of Trinity prayed regularly<sup>Mk1:35</sup>
- Ps 2:8 - shows us how Jesus would ask in prayer
- Through prayer Jesus faced the Tempter<sup>Mk1:12-13</sup>
- Facing the most difficult time of His life, Jesus prays!

### Gethsemane is a Place of Isolation

- Jesus took the disciples with Him, leaves 8 at entrance<sup>32</sup>
- The closest 3 invited to join and share<sup>33-34</sup>
- But Jesus must do this alone<sup>Mk8:31</sup>
- Only the perfect man, Jesus, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam can atone

### Gethsemane is a Place of Spiritual Battle

- Judas already arranged to betray<sup>Mk14:10</sup>; Satan<sup>Lk22:3</sup>
- The battle has been on since the Garden<sup>Gen3:15</sup>
- Has Satan figured out God's plan - Jesus would give His life?
- Imagine the spiritual attacks Satan threw at Jesus...
- Probably like the Garden: If God loved you He wouldn't ask you to not eat this
- To Jesus? If Your Father loved You, He wouldn't ask you to do this
- Jesus struggled as a perfect man<sup>33,34,36</sup>
- Son & Father had intimate fellowship from eternity past
- But as Redeemer, Jesus saw the Father's wrath
- Moses saw GodEx<sup>33:22</sup> in gracious covenant & trembled
- Jesus faces God's wrath for our breaking covenant!
- So Jesus prays... how often should YOU pray?

### Gethsemane is a Place of Power

- Jesus prays as the sinless Lamb of God faces the revulsion of becoming sin<sup>2Cor5:21</sup> who knew no sin.
- In prayer, Jesus remembers the Triune plan to redeem sinners<sup>Eph1:4</sup>
- Note the result: Jesus boldly faces His adversaries
- Jesus is NOT a victim, He lays down His life for us<sup>1Jn3:16</sup>
- Never, ever forget the Love of Jesus for His own!

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