

The Drama of Redemption

The Garden of Gethsemane

Matthew 26:36-46

As we begin, there are three things that we need to understand:

- 1) The death of Jesus wasn't a mistake, or a tragic surprise. No, Jesus was born to die and He _____ it. (*Matthew 16:21; 17:22-23; 20:17-19; 26:1-2, 10-12, 26-29, 31-32*)
- 2) The death of Jesus was God's _____ plan for the salvation of sinful people everywhere. (*Acts 3:18; 4:27-28; Luke 22:22*)
- 3) The death of Jesus was for _____! (*Isaiah 53:5 Romans 4:25; I Peter 2:24; I John 4:10; Galatians 3:13; II Corinthians 5:21; I Peter 3:18*)

I. Gethsemane Was A Place Of Intense _____ (vv 36-44)

The name Gethsemane actually means "_____." It's significant that our Lord's deepest _____ would take place in a garden whose name meant oil press.

Someone once said that, "While it's true that Jesus had no favorites, He did have _____."

A. The _____ For Jesus' Intense Agony (v 37b)

The Greek word that's translated "**sorrowful**" is a word that means to be deeply _____; to be overwhelmed with sadness, or to be weighed down with _____.

Matthew also said that Jesus began to be "**troubled**." The Greek word literally means to be distressed, anguished, restless, full of _____.

The single greatest reason why Jesus experienced such appalling horror was the fact that on the cross He became sin for us. And as such, He became the _____ of His Father's terrifying wrath! (*II Corinthians 5:21*)

B. The _____ Of Jesus' Intense Agony (v 38)

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus faced a life and death struggle with _____.

Satan wanted to keep Jesus from the _____ in an attempt to stop Him from following through with God's plan of redemption.

The Greek word translated “**very sorrowful**” is a word that simply means to be _____ by sorrow, or to be engulfed in sadness. (**Luke 22:44**)

C. The _____ That Resulted From Jesus’ Agony (vv 39-42)

The usual prayers of Jesus give us a sense of serenity and calmness - but not so in Gethsemane. You see, in the Garden, everything was altogether _____.

The word translated “**cup**” refers **not only** to suffering and death, but it also refers to God’s _____.

It wasn’t the fear of death that caused Jesus to pray this way - rather, the thing that caused his soul to recoil in anguish, was the prospect of being _____ from the Father! (**Hebrews 5:7**)

II. Gethsemane Was A Place Of Ultimate _____ (vv 45-46)

If Jesus had died in the Garden of Gethsemane, then the _____ of the cross would have never been known and _____ from sin would have never been made available.

Luke 22:43

The angel provided Jesus with the much-needed _____ to enable Him to overcome the fierce assault of Satan, and ultimately to proceed triumphantly to the cross of Calvary. (**Colossians 2:15**)

It has been said that, “The foundation of Calvary’s victory was laid in the _____ of Gethsemane.”

Conclusion:

“The crisis had now passed, the conquest was complete, and now in the distance Jesus heard the clanking of swords and saw the flashes of the torches that were carried by the mob that was intent on seizing Him. But the victory had already been won!” (Author unknown)