

WHAT HAPPENED IN GETHSEMANE?  
(Mark 14:32-42)

- I. Consider the CONTENT of Jesus' Agony in Gethsemane (Mark 14:32-42)
  - A. Jesus took His DISCIPLES into the garden
  - B. Jesus expressed such OPPRESSION of soul that He was about to DIE
  - C. Jesus spent THREE sessions in PRAYER
    1. Addressed the Father with FAMILIAR RESPECT
    2. Affirmed the Father's OMNIPOTENCE
    3. Begged the Father to "take away THIS CUP"
    4. Expressed SUBMISSION to the Father's WILL
  - D. Following each prayer session, He REBUKED the disciples for SLEEPING
  - E. He announced, "ENOUGH!" and left to meet those who came to ARREST Him (14:41-42)
- II. Consider the CONTEXT of Jesus' Agony in Gethsemane
  - A. He had PRESENTED Himself in Jerusalem to DIE (Mark 8:31; 9:31; 10:33-34)
  - B. He had PROVOKED Israel's leaders DELIBERATELY
    1. He CLEANSED the TEMPLE (Mark 11:15-19)
    2. He CHALLENGED their TEACHING (Mark 12:38-40)
    3. He CONFRONTED their TREACHERY (Mark 12:1-12)
  - C. He was PREPARING His disciples for His DEPARTURE (John 13:31-17:26)
    1. Announced His RETURN to the FATHER (John 14:1-7)

2. Instituted the Lord's Supper to commemorate His giving of His BODY and BLOOD (Mark 14:22-26)

III. Consider the CONSEQUENCES of Jesus' Agony in Gethsemane

- A. This was a CONFLICT with SATAN
  1. Announced that Satan was COMING (John 14:30)
  2. Left the upper room to MEET him (John 14:31)
- B. The Father ANSWERED His prayer (Heb. 5:7-8)
  1. Jesus ALWAYS did the Father's will (John 8:29)
  2. ALL answered prayer depends on Jesus' relationship with the Father (John 15:7; 16:23-24; Rom. 8:27)
  3. The Father answered THIS prayer (Heb. 5:7)
  4. The Father sent ANGELIC assistance (Luke 22:43)
- C. Jesus RECOVERED strength and AROSE to meet His arrest

IV. CONCLUSIONS Concerning Jesus' Agony in Gethsemane

- A. It did not come from a deep-seated FEAR of the CROSS
- B. It did not come from a momentary FLINCHING from the CROSS
- C. It did not come from unwillingness to BEAR our SIN
- D. It must have been a prayer for VICTORY which was GRANTED
  1. Either that He would overcome DEATH and rise from the GRAVE
  2. Or that He would overcome SATAN and rise from the GARDEN
- E. The event STRENGTHENED the disciples' FAITH
  1. In Christ's ability to SAVE
  2. In the Father's ability to ANSWER PRAYER