

JESUS AT GETHSEMANE

(Mat 26:36 KJV) Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. (Mat 26:37 KJV) And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. (Mat 26:38 KJV) Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. (Mat 26:39 KJV) And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. (Mat 26:40 KJV) And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? (Mat 26:41 KJV) Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. (Mat 26:42 KJV) He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. (Mat 26:43 KJV) And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. (Mat 26:44 KJV) And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. (Mat 26:45 KJV) Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. (Mat 26:46 KJV) Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.

1. JESUS HAD A DESTINY TO FULFILL IN THIS WORLD.
 1. *He knew He came to die.*
 2. *Destroy this temple and in 3 days I'll raise it up.*
 3. *No man takes my life; I lay it down.*
 1. How could Jesus say no man took his life?
 2. Did not the Romans crucify him?

2. JESUS DIED IN THE GARDEN.
 1. *Death to self; self-life; selfish desires.*
 2. *He died to self when he surrendered his will to the Father.*
 3. *The humanity of Jesus did not desire to suffer, much less die.*
 1. Jesus was a man of like passions as we.
 2. He is a high priest who is touched by our infirmities because He has been there.
 3. Jesus resisted the cross; *A Father, if it be your will, let this cup pass from me.*@
 4. *ANevertheless, not my will, but your will be done.*@
 5. At that moment is when Jesus laid his life down. The executors just simply carried out the plan.

3. JESUS KNEW HIS HOUR HAD COME.
 1. *There were other possible opportunities, but the time was not yet.*
 2. *When they would have stoned him.* (John 8:59 KJV) Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.
 3. *When his time came, He offered no resistance--He didn't try to escape.*

1. He had already dealt with the issue in the garden.
 2. Peter had not--he fought back with a sword.
4. JESUS WAS BORN TO DIE THAT WE MIGHT LIVE.
1. ***Unless the corn of wheat fall into the ground it abides alone.***
 2. ***When his soul was made an offering for sin.*** (Isa 53:10 KJV) Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days...
 3. ***Out of death comes forth life.***
 4. ***I am crucified with Christ.*** (Gal 2:20 KJV) I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.
5. GETHSEMANE REPRESENTS A PLACE OF AGONIZING.
1. ***Relinquishing our will and desires is painful, but it is also a time of settledness and peace.***
 2. ***There's no greater joy and peace than when we say, AYes, Lord. Not my will but thine be done. @***
 3. ***When we have had a Gethsemane experience, the pain of the cross is secondary.***
 1. He went as a sheep dumb to his slaughter.
 2. When he was reviled, he opened not his mouth--his talking had been in the garden.
 4. ***Gethsemane is a lonely place--just you and God.***
6. OUR DAY OF RECKONING COMES BEFORE THE CRISIS.
1. ***This day of reckoning is in our day of preparation--in our prayer time.***
 2. ***Daniel's Gethsemane experience preceded the lion's den.***
 3. ***The flesh is weak, but the spirit is willing.***
7. THE NAILS DID NOT HOLD JESUS TO THE CROSS.
1. ***His love for us did.***
 2. ***His desire to do the will of His Father did.***
 3. ***Therefore, he gladly laid down his life, picked up His cross, and did the will of Him who sent Him.***
8. ISAIAH 53:3-12.
1. (Isa 53:3 KJV) He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. (Isa 53:4 KJV) Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. (Isa 53:5 KJV) But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was

bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. (Isa 53:6 KJV) All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isa 53:7 KJV) He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. (Isa 53:8 KJV) He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. (Isa 53:9 KJV) And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. (Isa 53:10 KJV) Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. (Isa 53:11 KJV) He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. (Isa 53:12 KJV) Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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