

Gethsemane! (Part 2)

Mark 14:32-42



I. JESUS AS SAVIOR

He Willingly Embraced the Cross for His Own and in Obedience to His Father.

- A. The Unlikely Setting of Jesus' Struggle (32-33a)
- B. The Shocking Description of Jesus' Struggle (33b-36)
- C. Jesus' Profound Concern for His Disciples (37-41a)
- D. Jesus' Renewed Resolve to Drink the Cup (41b-42)

II. JESUS AS PATTERN

He Taught Us How to Respond to Life's Temptations.

- Two specific instructions for how to respond to temptation and be victorious...
 - 38 - "Keep watching and praying that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."
 - cf. Luke 21:36 - "But keep on the alert at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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- A. Keep Watching (38a)
 - 1) Jesus' Instruction about Watching
 - (a) Be aware of seasons when we are all likely to face temptation.
 - (b) In addition to those seasons when we are all especially susceptible to temptation, there are also times that are unique to each of us as individuals.
 - 2) Jesus' Pattern of Watching

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- B. Keep Praying (38a)
 - 1) Jesus' Instruction about Prayer
 - cf. Matt. 6:13 - "And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil."
 - 2) Jesus' Pattern of Prayer

JESUS PATTERN OF PRAYER IN TEMPTATION

- a) Reaffirm your trust in the Father's love.
 - "Abba, Father."
- b) Reaffirm your trust in the Father's power.
 - "All things are possible for you."
- c) Ask for the Father's intervention.
 - "Remove this cup."
- d) Express your submission to the Father's will.
 - "Yet not what I will, but what you will."

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WILLING SPIRIT, WEAK FLESH?

- 1) The soul is willing, but the body is weak.
- 2) The new, redeemed self is willing, but our unredeemed flesh is weak or spiritually helpless (Rom. 5:6).
 - Cf. Rom. 7:18 - For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not.
 - Cf. Gal. 5:17 - For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.
 - Jam. 1:14 - But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.

SUMMARY

- How should you respond to the temptation that comes in your life?
 - Follow both Jesus' instruction and pattern from Gethsemane.
 - 1) Keep watching!
 - 2) Keep praying!
- For what purpose?
 - "In order that you may not come into temptation."
- Why is it important for us to take this approach?
 - "Because the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."