

# The Glory of Gethsemane

Matthew 26:34-46



# Purpose

- To show what really happened to the Lord in Gethsemane, and because of that, what must happen to each of us.



# Introduction

- The word “Gethsemane” literally means “the olive press”
- Jesus entered Gethsemane, not to escape death, but to prepare for death. A preparation that meant making the most significant decision in history.
- What really happened in Gethsemane?



# The Garden of Solitude (36,39)

- The solitude Jesus sought there was characteristic of His whole life, for no one else could possibly understand what He was about to endure.
- It is fitting that He be alone, for He was the only one qualified to accomplish what God had given Him to do. He was the sacrificial lamb.



# The Garden of Sorrow (37,38)

- Isaiah had described the Lord as “the man of sorrows”
- It wasn't the physical suffering that caused his agony, nor the fact that He was about to be betrayed by Judas, denied by peter, and forsaken by the remaining disciples.
- The Jesus we see here is not weak, disillusioned, and confused person suddenly crumbling under pressure.



# The Garden of Supplication (39,42,44)

- A place of solitude and sorrow often becomes a place of prayer
- Jesus in Gethsemane is a great example of submission to the will of God, even when that will is not what we always want.



# The Garden of Success (46)

- The place of earnest, and submissive prayer is always a place of victory, and for Jesus, the victory has been won.
- The grand issue of Gethsemane was preparation for future and final suffering, and if put into words, it would be, “I am ready”.



# Conclusion

- But where is the relevance of Gethsemane for you and me? Each one of us has our own garden of Gethsemane, and we too must go there alone, sometimes in agony.
- But when we view what happened to our Lord in Gethsemane, how can our hearts remain untouched?





Are you ready?  
Are you willing?

