

THE AGONY OF THE SERVANT



TRI-CITY BAPTIST CHURCH
MARK 14:32-42
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I. THE PLACE OF AGONY



- Mark 14:32,
And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray.

THE KIDRON VALLEY



Garden of Gethsemane



Picture of an Olive Press in Israel



II. THE PROCLAMATION OF AGONY



- Mark 14:33,
And he taketh with him Peter and James and John,
and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy;
- Mark 14:34,
And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful
unto death: tarry ye here, and watch.

III. THE PLEA TO TAKE AWAY THE AGONY



- Mark 14:35,
And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.
- Mark 14:36,
And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.

IV. THE PROBLEM OF THOSE IN THE MIDST OF AGONY



- Mark 14:37,
And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour?
- Mark 14:38,
Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.

V. THE PRAYER AND PROBLEM REPEATED DURING HIS AGONY



- Mark 14:39,
And again he went away, and prayed, and spake the same words.
- Mark 14:40,
And when he returned, he found them asleep again, (for their eyes were heavy,) neither wist they what to answer him.

VI. THE PLAN OF GOD WILL PROCEED



- Mark 14:41,
And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them,
Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the
hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed
into the hands of sinners.
- Mark 14:42,
Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand.

LESSONS FOR THE DISCIPLES



- This is the third time in Mark Jesus is seen praying. He is seen departing to a solitary place, a mountain and here to a garden. He found the time and the place to pray.
- On this occasion, Jesus was distressed, greatly troubled and very sorrowful.
- Jesus asked for the disciples' understanding and sympathy in His struggle, but received no consolation from them.
- Jesus once again surrendered to do the will of His Father. There was an absolute surrender of His will.
- Jesus' supreme concern was to obey God and to do His will.
- We need to be surrendered and we need to pray.