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MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

Gethsemane: Watch and Pray

Matthew 26:36–46; Mark 14:32–42; Luke 22:39–46

- 1. What was Jesus' prediction for the disciples that night?**
- 2. Jesus' own spiritual struggle and victory is revealed in the three stages of His prayer.**
- 3. What do we learn about facing temptation?**
 - What were the two temptations?**
 - What was the solution? Watch and Pray**
 - What was the warning?—The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.**

Isa. 53:3, “He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.”

Isa. 53:7, “He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.”

“He disarmed Death by burying its shaft in His own heart,” and death thereby had no more arrows.

~Alfred Edersheim, *The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah* 2:539

1. What was Jesus' prediction for the disciples that night?

Matt. 26:31, “Then Jesus said to them, ‘All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: “I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.””

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Matt. 26:35, “Peter said to Him, ‘Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!’ And so said all the disciples.”

**Matt. 26:41, “Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation.
The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”**

2. Jesus' own spiritual struggle and victory is revealed in the three stages of His prayer.

Matt. 26:39, “He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, ‘O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.’ ”

Luke 22:42, “saying, ‘Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.’ ”

Matt. 16:21, “From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

Matt. 16:22, “Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, ‘Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!’

Matt. 16:23, “But He turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.’ ”

John 14:30, “I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.”

Luke 22:53, “When I was with you daily in the temple, you did not try to seize Me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.”

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Matt. 26:42, “Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, ‘O My Father, if [since] this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.’ ”

Luke 22:43, “Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him.”

3. What do we learn about facing temptation?

- What were the two temptations?**
- What was the solution?**
- What was the warning?**

Phil. 2:8, “And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”

1 Cor. 10:13, “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”

Heb. 2:10, “For it was fitting for Him [God the Father], for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation [God the Son] perfect [mature, complete] through sufferings.”

Heb. 2:18, “For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.”

Heb. 4:15, “For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.”

Matt. 26:38, “Then He said to them, ‘My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.’ ”

Luke 22:40, “When He came to the place, He said to them, ‘Pray that you may not enter into temptation.’ ”

1 Pet. 4:12, “Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;”

1 Pet. 5:8, “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

1 Pet. 5:9, “Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.”

Matt. 26:40, “Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, ‘What! Could you not watch with Me one hour?’

Matt. 26:41, “ ‘Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.’”

Rom. 7:15–20

Rom. 8:1, “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

Rom. 8:2, “For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.”

Matt. 26:43, “And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy.”

Luke 22:46, “Then He said to them, ‘Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation.’ ”

What we learn

- 1. Prayer must come before and through the crisis. Continuous, intense, focused.**
- 2. The content of the prayer expresses submission to God. It is not a prayer for one thing and then using an escape clause, but throughout a recognition of God's plan.**
- 3. We are to pray to not enter into temptation, to fail, to respond, but to be strengthened.**
- 4. Failure to pray and pass the test, led to further failure and sin.**
- 5. Good intentions are not enough, we must guard against the sin nature, and we can only do that through the power of the Holy Spirit.**