



— THE GOSPEL OF —  
**MARK**

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A person with long dark hair, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and a long, flowing robe with vertical stripes, is kneeling on the grass. They are leaning their head and hands against a rough stone wall, appearing to be in a state of prayer or deep contemplation. The background shows more of the stone wall and some greenery.

...In the Garden

**Delivered Up**

Mark 14:27-42



# starting point

- We are in the final days of Jesus' life leading to the cross.
- Today's text covers the darkest time of Jesus' life on earth. Darkness looms over this scene physically and spiritually
- Satan left Jesus at the temptation for an opportune time. Now is that opportune time (Luke 4:13; 22:53)
- In the story of last week, the twelve disciples were not prepared to hear that one among them was going to betray Jesus.
- In this week's text, they (twelve minus one) were certainly defensive that they will all forsake Him.



# starting point

- We need to understand the text from Mark's perspective.
  - a) The text is uniquely about Jesus who alone could take the cup to save us from our sins. No one else could do this.
  - b) Mark gives us a glimpse into the humanity of Jesus and the mystery surrounding it; into God's dealing with sin.
- I'll like to approach this text using two words: **Prediction, Distress.**

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A magnifying glass with a black frame is positioned over a lush green field of grass. The lens of the magnifying glass is focused on the word "PREDICTION" written in large, bold, black capital letters. The background is a soft-focus green field with some dew drops on the grass blades. A faint "dreamstime" watermark is visible below the word.

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### Zechariah 13:7 (NKJV)

“Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd,  
Against the Man who is My Companion,”  
Says the LORD of hosts.

“Strike the Shepherd,  
And the sheep will be scattered;  
Then I will turn My hand against the little  
ones.

### Romans 8:31-32 (NKJV)

What then shall we say to these things? If  
God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? He  
who did not **spare** His own Son,  
but **delivered Him up for us all**, how shall  
He not with Him also freely give us all  
things?

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- Prediction comes with a **Promise**, v. 28
  1. The Shephard will be smitten, sheep will scatter, but the effect is temporary
  2. He will go before them like a shepherd goes before his sheep in leading them
  3. Jesus was assuring His friends and disciples that He will regather, restore and forgive them.
- This is reassuring for believers today who through various circumstances will be scattered, the Great Shepherd will regather them.



## The Prediction, vv.27-31

- The prediction was met with a **Protest**, vv. 29-31.
  1. Jesus just made a promise that and it goes over the disciples' heads.
  2. Peter as always was the first to speak out in protest (**Notice** the back and forth, vv. 29, 31)
- The danger of self-trust is that you run others down (**Notice** the “**3-Alls**,” vv. 27, 31, 50).
- We cannot fault Peter for his devotion. He just doesn't know himself well.
- It is easy for many Christians to
  1. **Hear** the truth and not **heed** the truth
  2. **Read** the Bible and not be **changed** it
  3. **Hang** Ten commandments on our walls and not live it
  4. **Worship** but **superficially engage** God



## The Distressed Christ, vv. 32-42

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### Isaiah 53:5 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
he was **crushed** for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,  
and by his wounds we are healed.

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## Mark 10:33-34 (NKJV)

<sup>33</sup> “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; <sup>34</sup> and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again.”

## John 12:27 (NIV)

<sup>27</sup> “Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.

## The Distressed Christ, vv. 32-42

- The Gospels give us all kinds of portrait of Jesus (**Blessing little children; riding on a colt; cleansing the temple; serving the Last Supper**)
- None comes close to the portrait painted at this Gethsemane scene
- We are introduced to a **distressed Christ, vv. 32-36**
  1. This scene is not a surprised to Jesus (8:31-33; 9:31; 10:33-34; John 12:27)
  2. Now He is confronted with the ordeal itself
  3. Now in the **perfection** of Jesus’ humanity, He **recoils**.
- Many read this text and wonder how can God in Christ so perfectly prepare from all of eternity, so clear about what awaits Him now crumbles in this garden scene?



## The Distressed Christ, vv. 32-42

1. Gk. Word for **distressed** signifies someone in the grip of a shuddering horror; confronted by a dreadful prospect that is before them. **Troubled** can be translated anguish, anguish in which there was no escaping, one in which he saw no comfort or help.
2. No reason for Peter, James and John to enquire about His feeling because His body language says it all (**Luke 22:44**)
  - a) Yet, Jesus gave them an explanation, v. 33
  - b) He gives them an exaltation: Watch and pray



## The Distressed Christ, vv. 32-42

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  2. That if you read the text in a routine manner, it will rub you of the humanity of what Christ experienced
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### Make Me Understand it

Give me a sight, O Savior,  
Of Thy wondrous love to me,  
Of the love that bro't Thee down  
to earth,  
To die on Calvary.

Refrain:

Oh, make me understand it,  
Help me to take it in,  
What it meant to Thee, the Holy  
One,  
To bear away my sin.

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### And Can it Be that I should gain

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An int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His  
pain?  
For me, who Him to death  
pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for  
me?

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- I do not think the main cause of His **distress and anguish** was because of:
  1. Israel's rejection, Judas' betrayal, or His disciples' desertion.
  2. The injustice of the religious leaders, mockery of the Roman soldiers, or even the impending reality of physical torture and death.
- His distress and anguish was brought on by the horrifying recognition that He would soon become the bearer of sin and the object of God's wrath.
- For the first time in all eternity, God (Son) would experience **separation** from God (Father), God is being **crushed** by God as a guilt offering for sinners.




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### 2 Corinthians 5:21 (CSB)

21 He made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

- Yet, Jesus remains **devoted**, vv. 36, 41-41
  1. The term, “*hour*” refers to the time set by God for the accomplishment of His purpose – judgement or salvation.
  2. In this context it is the time of Jesus’ arrest, trial, and execution.
- The “cup” in all of scripture is used in connection to the wrath of God (2 Cor. 5:21)
  1. Jesus recognizes that in identifying Himself with sinners He is entering into the reality of drinking this cup
  2. His prayer to be spared death was answered in accordance with the divine will.
  3. God gave Him something better: **Victory over death.**



**Let's wrap  
this up  
people.**

- In Gethsemaane
  1. Jesus undertook the work of our redemption
  2. He took it all the way to the cross, and declared: 'It is finished.'
  3. He won the victory over all the griefs that were upon Him, over death, and over even the wrath of God for our sake.
- I pray God will make you understand it.



# REFLECTION

1. What does this scene in verses 27-31 reveal about the danger of **self-confidence compared to reliance** on God?
2. In what way does the humanity of Jesus help us in our own experiences of being overwhelmed?
3. What does this text teach you about the necessity of prayer in times of trials?