

# WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

Mark 14:32-42

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Today we are in Mark 14:32-42.

It's a beautiful passage of Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. There is a palpable tension in this passage because Jesus is about to face his impending death. Jesus, knowing his time is drawing near, prepares the disciples for this reality that they "will strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered." (Mark 14:27) In light of what is to come, he brings his disciples Peter, James and John together for a prayer meeting in the Garden.

This is a beautiful and interesting passage as we will clearly see the interplay of the dual nature of Jesus. The Bible teaches us in Colossians 2:9 that "in Christ, the whole fullness of the Deity dwells in bodily form". Meaning, Jesus is fully God and fully man. In the garden we see this unique interplay of deity and humanity in Jesus.

We see his humanity in verses 34-35, which tells us that his soul was "very sorrowful... to the point of death". And that Jesus fell to the ground and prayed. Have you ever been so overwhelmed with sorrow that you could not even stand? And Jesus prays .....**Remove this cup from me, yet not what I will, but what you will.**

You can see Jesus' humanity, not wanting to die, to suffer the wrath of God, for sins that he never committed.

You can see Jesus' deity, even in this struggle, the idea of doing anything other than obeying the will of the Father was not an option for him. There is a beautiful interplay of Jesus' humanity

and yet without sin.

*As we consider this passage today, I wanted us to be reminded of 2 wonderful truths from this passage:*

### **1) God's will and His plan gave us Jesus.**

This passage is a reminder that God's love is so great, his affection is so high, wide, tall and long that we are given a chance at redemption through Jesus going to the cross even when we do not deserve it. This was all willed and planned by God the father. Passion week, Easter, Christianity, our faith is simply all about God's will giving us Jesus as our only hope. God loved us enough that He willed that Jesus "who knew no sin became sin on our behalf so that we might know the righteousness of God!" Do not forget this!

### **2) Jesus sets a model for us to learn when we struggle or face temptation.**

We have two options: run towards God or run away from him. In the garden of Eden in Genesis 3, the story tells us Adam and Eve sinned and ran away and hid from God. In this garden, Jesus runs towards God in desperation, in prayer, in full reliance on His loving Father in His toughest trial.

Whatever you are going through, run towards God and know whatever need you have. He is more than enough. The disciples fell asleep twice, they gave into their flesh that was so weak. Let us follow after Jesus' model.

Spurgeon said "I have a great need for Christ. I have a great Christ for my need." What an amazing truth that we have a great Savior that loves us and is enough for any situation we face. Let's turn to Him much in this season of life no matter what you are facing today.

1. Read Mark 14:32-42.

2. God is sovereign over all things and his plan is greater than any that we can have for ourselves. How is your trust of God's plan in your life?

3. Are you running to Jesus or away from Him when you face trials of many kinds? What can you do to improve your prayer life?

4. Remember the Gospel message and pray a prayer of thanksgiving for Jesus' sacrifice to obey the will of the Father.