



Lesson Title: Jesus in the Garden

Scripture Focus: Luke 22:41-42

The Lesson in Context

From the beginning, God created humanity with the ability to choose. Jesus is the only person who never exercised that choice in rebellion against God. It may be difficult for us to accept this thought, but the words of His prayers in Gethsemane—“If it be possible, let this cup pass from me”—indicate He wanted release from the horrendous suffering He knew lay in His immediate future. But there was no other way; this is why He came. Instead of acting on His desire to run from Calvary, Jesus surrendered His will to His divine destiny. He prayed, “Nevertheless, not my will but thine be done.” The holy God of Heaven was about to carry all the sordid sins of all humanity of all time on Himself. That is love.

The most important decision we can make is to surrender to God’s will. The same apostle Peter who slept in the Garden later wrote under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost that God is “not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (II Peter 3:9). God’s will is for everyone to be saved. He carried your cross. He carried all your griefs and sorrows; He suffered for your healing; He died for your sins. He has done everything He could do to save you, but He also gave us a choice. We must choose to surrender our will to His so we can experience the salvation He purchased for us by surrendering His will to God.

Group Discussion

1. Recount a time when you prayed and God gave you everything you needed in that moment.
2. What differences do you see between Adam and Jesus? Do you see some of those same differences in your own life?
3. What decision are you making right now that you should make a matter of faithful prayer?
4. In times when you feel alone, how does knowing Jesus went through what you go through help encourage you?
5. What area(s) of your life do you need to fully surrender to God? Are you willing to surrender to Him today?

My Prayer for the Upcoming Week

How do you want to be different because of what you have experienced today?
