

# Going a little Further

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**Matthew 26:36-39** Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."<sup>37</sup> He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled.<sup>38</sup> Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

## **Introduction**

### **1. The scene**

- 1.1 He went a short distance. Our problem – "This is far enough!"
- 1.2 Jesus and God's Will
  - (a) He always submitted / surrendered (Heb. 10:5-7)
  - (b) But now He went: Gethsemane... Gabbatha ...Golgotha - "a little further"

### **2. Proposition**

We must go a little further in our surrender to Christ

## **Going to Gethsemane (Matt. 26:36-46)**

### **1. The "Olive Press"**

- 1.1 Oil is extracted by pressure. Jesus experienced physical, emotional and spiritual pressure (Matt 20:19; 26:2)
- 1.2 The place of fellowship (John 18:1-2)

### **2. Progress in prayer (Heb. 5:7-10)**

- 2.1 Beyond human weakness (Matt.26:43). Sleeping friends (human will and weakness)
- 2.2 He prayed three times – progression, not repetition (Jam. 5:16)

## **Going to Gabbatha (John 19:13-16)**

### **1. The stone pavement**

- 1.1 The Palace / Praetorium
  - (a) Head-quarters / governor's court – raised platform
  - (b) Place of judgement
- 1.2 Describe events
  - (a) King and truth ...then silence
  - (b) Beaten and mocked ... the man!

### **2. Progression**

- 2.1 Surrender in prayer – surrender in rejection. People fail you!
  - (a) Disciples fled (fear)
  - (b) Peter denied (failure)

- (c) Barabbas chosen (foolish choices)
- (d) Herod's scorn (evil choices)
- 2.2 Unjust treatment
  - (a) Not guilty, yet beaten
  - (b) Pilate washed his hands

## **Going to Golgotha (John 19:16-18, 28-30)**

### **1. The place of the skull**

- 1.1 Death by execution of worst criminals
- 1.2 The journey there – the women...Simon of Cyrene ...then crucified

### **2. The progression in suffering**

- 2.1 The seven sayings from the cross
- 2.2 The final word
  - (a) "It is finished" (John 19:30)
  - (b) Surrender to God in death (Luke 23:46)  
"Into your hands I commit my spirit". Greek word means to place down, hand over, let go.

## **Conclusion**

### **1. Giving more of yourself to God and His will**

- 1.1 In prayer (Gethsemane)
- 1.2 In rejection and failure of others (Gabbatha)
- 1.3 In suffering and dying (Golgotha)

### **2. Call to go forward – one little step**

- 2.1 Yield and hand over to Jesus now
- 2.2 Look ahead - from the garden to glory