



Part 44

Gethsemane: Looking into the Abyss

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³² They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” ³³ He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. ³⁴ “My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death,” he said to them. “Stay here and keep watch with me.”

³⁵ Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ “*Abba*, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

³⁷ Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Simon,” he said to Peter, “are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour?” ³⁸ Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.”

³⁹ Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. ⁴⁰ When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him.

⁴¹ Returning the third time, he said to them, “Are you still sleeping? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴² Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

THREE LESSONS:

1. This passage is an example of how _____

Verse 33 & 34 — ³³ He took Peter, James, and John with him, and he became *deeply distressed and troubled*.

Isaiah 53:4 – 6 – ⁴ Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was **crushed** for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. ⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

³⁴ He told them, “My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”

2. This passage helps us come to grips with _____

Ezekiel 23:32 – 34 – ³² “You will drink from your sister’s cup of terror, a cup that is large and deep. It is filled to the brim with scorn and derision. ³³ Drunkenness and anguish will fill you, for your cup is filled to the brim with distress and desolation . . . ³⁴ You will drain that cup of terror to the very bottom . . . and tear your breast in anguish.

Isaiah 51:22 – “. . . cup that made you stagger . . . the goblet of my wrath.”

“Gethsemane” is _____

Hosea 9:7 – The days of punishment are coming, the days of reckoning are at hand. Let Israel know this. Because your sins are so many and your hostility so great, the prophet is considered a fool, the inspired man a maniac.

Isaiah 5:20 – Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.

1 Peter 4:4 & 5 – ⁴ Of course, your former friends are surprised when you no longer plunge into the flood of wild and destructive things they do. So they slander you. ⁵ But remember that they will have to face God, who will judge everyone, both the living and the dead. (NLT)

3. This passage reminds us that _____

How to Resist Temptation

- Stay _____ and _____
- _____
- Seek _____
- Focus on _____

Seven key words that unlock the power of God – _____
_____, _____, _____, _____, _____