

## Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

Mark 14:32-42

**Context:** During the final evening of Jesus, after the Last Supper, Jesus goes to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane to prepare for the cross.

### As we watch Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane...

#### I. \_\_\_\_\_ the agony of the cup (vs. 32-36a)

- A. The “cup” represents all the wrath and hatred of God against sin. The “cup” symbolized the full, undiluted wrath of God that was about to be poured out on Jesus.
- B. Psalm 75:8 (ESV) For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup with foaming wine, well mixed, and he pours out from it, and all the wicked of the earth shall drain it down to the dregs.
- C. Isaiah 51:17 (ESV) Wake yourself, wake yourself, stand up, O Jerusalem, you who have drunk from the hand of the Lord the cup of his wrath, who have drunk to the dregs the bowl, the cup of staggering.

#### II. \_\_\_\_\_ his full surrender to the Father (vs. 36b)

- A. In His humanity, Jesus was sorrowful and asked the Father to “remove the cup” of suffering wrath for sin and sinners.
- B. Just as he had done throughout His entire life, Jesus submitted to the will of the Heavenly Father in His moment of anguish before enduring the cross.

#### III. \_\_\_\_\_ awake and pray (vs. 37-42)

- A. While Jesus is praying and wrestling with the greatest load any man ever tried to carry, the disciples are asleep.
- B. Well-intentioned believers can easily fail to fulfill their calling by merely giving in to various physical needs or desires. (ESV Study Bible)