

Matt 26:36-46 Week 95

Watch and Pray

Matt 26:36 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." 37 He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. 38 Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." 39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." 40 Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. 41 "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak." 42 He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done." 43 When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. 44 So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. 45 Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Rise, let us go! Here comes my betrayer!" NIV

- How would you like to be awakened every day the rest of your life by a rooster? Peter used it not to feed his _____ and _____ but as a reminder that God's love and mercy endures forever.
- What is brokenness?
It is coming to a place where I cannot do or be what I need to do or be, without divine _____ and _____.
- Truth does not just give us the ability to believe; but it is _____ by our being able to live it out in our own lives.
- We know and believe that He is fully God and also fully man; you can *know* this and truly *believe* this, but to understand it seems impossible without _____.

One of Philip Bliss's beautiful hymns contains the words:
Man of sorrows, what a name, for the Son of God who came,
Ruined sinners to reclaim! Hallelujah, what a Savior!

- Notice this: There is no record in Scripture of Jesus' ever _____.
- The owner of the upper room, was a _____.

- There is no indication that they uttered a single breath of prayer--- no hint that they called on the Father to _____ them.
- Why were the disciples so laid back at this time? What kept them from watching and praying?
They still did not understand he was going to be a _____
_____.
- While Jesus, understanding the _____ of the enemy, retreated to prayer, they retreated into sleep.
- Jesus always addressed God as Father.
In so doing He expressed an _____ with God that was foreign to the Judaism of His day.
The Jews saw God as creator of the world but not in the sense of His being a _____ Father to any individual.
- **“If it is possible, may this cup be taken from me?”**
The cup is not the cross, but the _____ from his _____
- What happens when you watch and wait?
 - You will always _____ your faith, and the lives of others.
 - We learn from the disciples’ failures and they encourage us. The lives of others encourage us, and we must do the same.
 - We will learn when hardships come our way (and they will) how to _____. Peter got stronger.
 - It’s a sign to others of our _____ and _____ to God.