

The Road to the Cross
Gethsemane

Matthew 22:36-46
April 1, 2007

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2. Christ's anguish
 - Christ's humanity
 - The "cup"

The "Cup"

"For a cup is in the hand of the Lord, and the wine foams; It is well mixed, and He pours out of this; Surely all the wicked of the earth must drain *and* drink down its dregs." (Ps. 75:8)

The "Cup"

"For thus the Lord, the God of Israel, says to me, "Take this cup of the wine of wrath from My hand and cause all the nations to whom I send you to drink it." (Jer. 25:15)

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What did Christ suffer?

"Here we come to the Holy of Holies of our Lord's life on earth. This is a mystery like that which Moses saw when the bush burned with fire, and was not consumed. No man can rightly expound such a passage as this; it is a subject for prayerful, heart-broken meditation, more than for human language."
[Charles H. Spurgeon on Gethsemane]

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2. Christ's anguish
3. The disciples' sleepiness

Jesus prayer for Peter

"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded *permission* to sift you like wheat; but **I have prayed for you**, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."
(Lk. 22:31-32)

Submission to the Father's Will

1. What Jesus prayed
2. What Jesus chose

What Jesus did not choose

- His own personal safety and comfort
- A secure and stable life
- Avoiding pain and suffering
- Power and recognition
- To destroy His enemies

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2. What Jesus chose
3. What about us?

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