



Sermon Guide:

What Happened in Gethsemane? (6/24/2023)

Join us **Sunday (7/9/2023), at 7 PM** on Zoom when Sermon Essentials returns to dive deeper into today's message. You can use the link <https://zoom.us/j/285038684> or call 312.626.6799 and enter the ID 285 038 684 to be a part of the discussion.

Read *Desire of Ages*, chapter 74, "Gethsemane" for a deeper understanding of today's message.

Text: Matthew 26:38 Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me."

Going to Gethsemane

Reference verses: Matthew 26:36-38; Mark 14:32-34

1. What should Jesus' state of mind in the Garden of Gethsemane inform a reader about the nature of sin?

Reference verses: Matthew 26:39, 42; Mark 14:35-36, 39; Luke 22:41-42

2. What was the focus of Jesus' prayers?

A Few Moments Earlier

Reference verses: John 13:31-32; 14:1-3; 15:26-27; 10:17-18

3. What are four divine statements of Jesus which show an understanding of a resurrected life after the Cross?

a) _____

John 13:31-32

b) _____

John 14:1-3

c) _____

John 15:26-27



d) _____

John 10:17-18

Divine Help

“Having made the decision, He fell dying to the ground from which He had partially risen. ... But God suffered with His Son. ... The angel came not to take the cup from Christ’s hand, but to strengthen Him to drink it, with the assurance of the Father’s love.” *Desire of Ages*, 693.

Reference verse: Luke 22:43

4. Who was sent to help Jesus, and why?

Reference verses: John 18:4-6; Matthew 26:53

5. How does the godhead’s control over the events leading up to the Cross give you strength in facing the daily struggle with sin?

“No traces of His recent agony were visible as Jesus stepped forth to meet His betrayer. Standing in advance of His disciples He said, “Whom seek ye?” They answered, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus replied, “I am He.” As these words were spoken, the angel who had lately ministered to Jesus moved between Him and the mob. A divine light illuminated the Saviour’s face, and a dovelike form overshadowed Him. In the presence of this divine glory, the murderous throng could not stand for a moment. They staggered back. Priests, elders, soldiers, and even Judas, fell as dead men to the ground.” – *Desire of Ages*, 694

What Happened in Gethsemane?

Reference verses: Matthew 26:56; John 18:11

6. What do the events in the Garden of Gethsemane reveal about Jesus’ struggle with drinking the cup?

7. What new insights has this message provided to you regarding the events leading up to the Cross?

