

MATTHEW

July 23, 2023

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Mark 14:32-42

Luke 22:40-46

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. What is the significance of stopping to pray in a garden called "Gethsemane" (v. 36)?
2. Try to describe Jesus mental/spiritual state (vv. 37-38; Mark 14:33; Luke 22:44). What is going on?

3. What is the significance of "'this cup'" (v. 39; c.f., Isaiah 51:17; Jeremiah 25:15)?

How, then, does the Lord's "agony" (Luke 22:44) transcend physical suffering?

What is suggested by "'let this cup pass from Me?'"

4. The disciples were to keep watch with the Lord (v. 40). What else were they to do (v. 41)? Why?

5. Contrast the prayers of Jesus (vv. 39, 42). How are they different? How are they the same? Can you see any progression?

What is the most significant aspect of each prayer? How does this change everything?

6. In what way are Jesus' prayers answered (Luke 22:43; Isaiah 40:31)?

How does this prepare Him for what is to come?

How does this encourage us (Hebrews 4:14-16)?

7. The disciples are found to be sleeping each time the Lord returns to them (vv. 40, 43, 45). What does this suggest about their *spirit* versus their *flesh*?

What is the warning to us (c.f., 1 Peter 5:8)?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will watch & pray this week by . . .

I will submit to the Lord's will this week by . . .