

# In the Garden

## Matthew 26:36 – 46

### I. Introduction

### II. Jesus' Agony in the Garden

#### A. The intensity of his agony

**Luke 22:44** And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

*"Nothing in all the Bible compares to Jesus' agony and anguish in Gethsemane – neither the laments of the Psalms, nor the broken heart of Abraham as he prepared to sacrifice his son, Isaac, nor David's grief at the death of his son, Absalom."*

- James Edwards

#### B. The cause of his agony

**Isaiah 52:14** As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind...

**Matthew 20:17 – 19** And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside, and on the way he said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day."

**Psalms 75:8** 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.

**Isaiah 51:17** 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.

**Jeremiah 25:15** Thus the LORD, the God of Israel, said to me: "Take from my hand this cup of the wine of wrath, and make all the nations to whom I send you drink it."

**Isaiah 53:12** Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

**2 Corinthians 5:21** For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

### C. The necessity of his agony

*"Christ was going to be cast into a dreadful furnace of wrath, and it was not proper that He should plunge Himself into it blindfold, as not knowing how dreadful the furnace was. Therefore that He might not do so, God first brought Him and set Him at the mouth of the furnace, that He might look in, and stand and view it's fierce and raging flames, and might see where He was going, and might voluntarily enter into it and bear it for sinners, as knowing what it was." - Jonathan Edwards*

**Hebrews 5:7 – 9** In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

## III. Conclusion

**Humble, Grateful Worship Is the Only Fitting Response to Jesus' Agony in the Garden**