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Matthew 26:37-38

Gethsemane

- Jesus became increasingly *sorrowful and troubled*.

John 12:27 Now is My soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour...

- Jesus entered the Garden as our sinless sin-Bearer to be *crushed for our iniquities*. He entered with a mixture of horror and terror mixed with joy.

The *horror* of bearing our sin

- Jesus had decided by faith to present himself to God as the sacrificial Lamb.
- Such an experience of bearing sin was the absolute antithesis of his Holy Being.
- Such anticipated created a deep revulsion in his sinless soul.

The consequent *terror* of bearing God's wrath

- Jesus knew that God would lay the guilt of our sin upon him to declare him judicially guilty of all our sin.

2 Cor 5:21a For our sake [God] made Him to be sin Who knew no sin...

- The Father's Beloved Son (**Matt. 3:17**) would be treated as the Father's enemy (**Rom. 5:10**) on the cross.
- The Lord of Life (**John 11:25**) would experience the penalty of our death at the cross.

Ezek 18:4 ...the soul who sins shall die

The joy that was set before Him

Heb 12:2 ...for the joy that was set before Him [Jesus] endured the cross, despising the shame...

- Jesus knew the Scriptures that spoke of *great joy*:

Luke 2:10-11 *Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; 11 for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord...*

- Jesus was about to fulfill God's eternal purpose which would reveal the Glory of God in and through His people.

1. He knew God would raise Him from the dead

Ps. 16:9-10 *Therefore My heart is glad, and My whole being rejoices [Heb.12:2]; My flesh also dwells secure. 10 For You will not abandon My soul to Sheol, or let Your Holy One see [experience] corruption...*

2. He knew God would exalt Him

Ps 110:1 *The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand..."*

3. He knew He would inherit a people

Ps 2:7-8 *"I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, 'You are My Son [Matt. 3:17; 17:5], Today I have begotten You. 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession...'*

4. He knew He would rule over a Kingdom

2 Sam 7:12-14 *I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body [Rom.1:3], and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son...*