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Matthew 26:36-39

Gethsemane

- Jesus entered the Garden as the Son of Man to do battle against the effect of the curse of death that came upon all humanity because of Adam's disobedience (Gen.2:17; 1 Cor. 15:22a).
- The result of being spiritually dead was that all humanity lost its ability to know God through fellowship (Rom. 3:9-18).
- And Jesus entered the Garden to undo all the effects of Adam's disobedience through His own obedience by embracing death on our behalf.

Heb 2:14 ...destroy the one who has the power [1 John 3:8b] of death, that is, the devil...

- Jesus entered the Garden as God's Warrior (Josh. 5:14-15), and His Divine Weapon would be His life of humble submission to the Father's will.

Dressed for War

Ephesians 6:10-18

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- Jesus had to find His strength, not in His natural abilities but in the Divine ability of God.
- Jesus' had to depend upon the strength of the Holy Spirit for His "obedience of faith" (Rom.1:3; 16:26) in order to overcome Adam's disobedience.

2 Chron. 20:15 Do not fear or be dismayed... for the battle is not yours [in your natural strength] but God's

The Belt of Truth: Prepared with Truth

- This is the Truth from God about God in the Scriptures (John 17:17).

Is. 26:3 You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you

The Breastplate of Righteousness: Prepared in Righteous Living

- Jesus' Soul was protected from all unrighteousness because He constantly wore the breastplate of Righteousness through the Truth.

The Shoes of the Gospel: Prepared to Walk

- The soldier's shoes gave him the ability to stand firm without slipping and sliding during the battle.

The Shield of Faith: Prepared by Faith

- The shield provided additional spiritual protection.

Ps 28:7 The Lord is my strength and my shield...