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Jesus, God's Man of War

Matthew 26:36-39

Dressed for War

Ephesians 6:10-18

- 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).
- Jesus had to find His strength, not in His natural abilities but in the Divine ability of God.

The Breastplate of Righteousness: Prepared in Righteous Living

- Biblically, the heart is the location of our affections, desires, and motives—which inform our will and actions.
- The word *righteousness* has to do with God's Righteousness in Himself as displayed in all His works.

- Jesus' Soul was protected from all unrighteousness because He constantly wore the breastplate of Righteousness through the Truth.
- Jesus entered the garden with a single-minded purpose, protected by God's righteous will.

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.
- While the first two pieces of armor had to do with the internal activity of our minds and hearts, this third piece has to do with the *external* activity of our walk.

Col.1:10 ...walk[ing] in a manner worthy of the Lord...

- Walking in the purposes of God in the Gospel.

Rom 8:37 We are more than conquerors through him who loved us...

John 13:10 A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean

The Shield of Faith: Prepared by Faith

- The shield provided additional spiritual protection.

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

- When Jesus was being tempted in the wilderness (Matt. 4), He *extinguished all the flaming darts of the evil one* by placing His faith in God.