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Matthew 26:45-56

The Battle is Over

- Jesus has won the battle of obedience to the will of the Father.

Rom 5:19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous...

- The Victor is now prepared to pay the terrible price of His obedience.

Heb 2:14-15 ...so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death that is, the devil 15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death...

- Gethsemane is the culmination of Jesus' warfare against the disobedience of His people.

Rom 4:24-25 ...Jesus our Lord 25 ...was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification...

- In submitting to the Father's will to go to the cross, Jesus will now embrace the curse of death [Gen.2:17] on our behalf so that we can have His Life.

- The Jewish leaders believe they are now controlling the events of Jesus' arrest.

John 18:4-8 *Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" 5 They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I Am." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. 6 When Jesus said to them, "I Am," they drew back and fell to the ground. 7 So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." 8 Jesus answered, "I told you that I Am. So, if you seek me, let these men go."*

- It is clear Who is in control of Jesus' arrest.

John 18:10-11 *Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) 11 So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"*

- The Scriptures are the Source for Jesus' assurance and confidence that He is fulfilling the Father's will even at such a horrific cost to His Humanity.

Eph.6:16 *...the Shield of faith with which to quench all the flaming arrows of the enemy...*

- The disciples flee, leaving him alone to face this terrible ordeal.

John 1:29, 36 *...the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world...*

Ps. 88 *O Lord, God of my salvation... 7 Your wrath lies heavy upon me, and you overwhelm me with all your waves. 8 You have caused my companions to shun me; you have made me a horror to them*

Is. 53:6 *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way...*