

This Morning's Sermon

Triumphant Prayer

Introduction

In Luke 22 as Jesus approaches the garden of Gethsemane, Satan's goal is still the same as it has since Jesus' baptism: keep him off the cross. The final 12 hours of Jesus' life, with Jesus is completely alone to face it all - is Satan's final and most severe temptation. Christ's sorrow in facing death as the sin-bearer is incomprehensible. It is here on the Mount of Olives, where one of the greatest spiritual battles in history takes place and the means Jesus is using to win is prayer. What can we learn in the text that will inspire our faith?

I. Luke 22.40 - Expectation

- A. Luke 22.40 - *When He reached the place, he told them, "_____ that you may not fall into temptation."* Satan is going to use Jesus' holiness against him.
- B. They enter the garden.
1. Mark 14.32 - *sit here while I pray.*
 2. Mark 14.33 - Peter, James, and John observe him becoming _____ *distressed and troubled.*
- C. Want to be victorious? Expect temptation and be ready with prayer.

II. Luke 22.41 - Affliction

- A. Luke 22.41 - *Jesus _____ in prayer.*
1. Matthew 26.39 - *Jesus fell _____ and prayed.*
 2. Mark 14.33 - Jesus was *deeply distressed and _____.*
- B. In order to triumph over sin - we first have to experience the assault of sin.
- C. Victory comes by loving holiness; hating sin; and praying for strength.

III. Luke 22.42 - Submission

- A. Luke 22.42a: *Father, _____, take this cup away from me....*
1. Mark 14.36 - *abba Father... a term of endearment.*
 2. *Take _____ away... Cup in the OT is often associated with judgment.*
- B. Luke 22.42b - *Nevertheless... not my will, but _____, be done.*

IV. Luke 22.43-46 - Restoration

- A. Luke 22.43 - *Then an angel appeared to him, strengthening him.*
- B. Luke 22.44a- *why the angel came: being in anguish, he prayed more _____,....*
- C. Luke 22.44b - *and his sweat became like drops of _____ falling to the ground.*
- D. Luke 22.45a - *When he got up from prayer and came to the disciples...*
- E. Luke 22.45b - *he finds the disciples sleeping*
- F. Luke 22.46 - *Get up and pray, so that you won't fall into temptation.*

V. As We Close

- A. What about us? Will we allow Jesus' victory, triumph, inspire us in our own struggles?
- B. Will we allow this to fill our hearts with love and motivate us to further obedience?

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Scripture Reading

Luke 22.39-46

Thinking Through Today's Lesson

1. How does Mark 14.34 & Matthew 26.38 describe the intensity of the conflict Jesus is experiencing in the garden?
2. How can we draw inspiration from Luke 22.43 and Hebrews 1.14?
3. As Jesus and the 11 enter the garden, what does he instruct them to do?
4. According to John 17.5, what is Jesus' greatest desire?
5. How can you draw strength from Jesus' statement in Luke 22.42?

Notes

Answers

Facedown	Yours
Fervently	Deeply
Troubled	Pray
If you are willing	Knelt
This cup	Blood