

Agony in the Garden

Matthew 26:36-46

(series #153)

Introduction: the Garden of Gethsemane in Israel

I. **The Extreme Distress of Jesus vv. 36-39**

- A. Jesus took Peter, James, & John to pray
- B. Jesus was exceedingly sorrowful - Luke 22:44
- C. He told Peter, James, & John to watch
 - 1. Colossians 4:2
 - 2. 1st Peter 4:7

II. **The Fervent Prayers of Jesus vv. 36-44**

- A. He prayed about the cup (of God's wrath)
 - 1. Isaiah 51:17
 - 2. Jeremiah 25:15
- B. The disciples feel asleep
 - 1. From sorrow - Luke 22:45
 - 2. The flesh was weak
- C. Jesus prayed the same thing 3 times

III. **The Grievous Betrayal of Jesus vv. 45-46**

- Psalm 41:9

Conclusion: Jesus, our understanding High Priest

- Hebrews 2:18; 4:14-16