

The Son of Sorrows, Part 1

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Matthew 26:36-46.
- B. Scripture records Jesus' grief often. (Luke 19:41)
- C. Jesus is a model for dealing with severe temptation.
- D. Jesus spent time alone in the garden before His crucifixion. (John 18:2, Matthew 26:2)
- E. Jesus wanted to teach His disciples how to face temptation through passionate prayer and dependence upon God.
- F. Jesus was not asking for sympathy.
- G. If you are human, you must look to God in your weakness. (Hebrews 4:15)

II. Sorrow.

- A. In the horror of the cross is the revelation of Jesus' love for God and His love for sinners.
- B. Waves of grief rolled over Jesus. (John 11, Psalm 42)
- C. He experienced the injustice of men.
- D. He was alone when He once experienced the fellowship of the Trinity.
- E. Satan was after Jesus because he knew that the cross was defeat for him.
- G. The sorrow at the Garden was enough to kill Jesus.

III. Supplication.

- A. Jesus was holding on to the intimacy He had with the Father.
- B. Jesus asks if it is possible in the plan of God (not the power of God) to bring salvation aside from God's wrath. (Psalm 75:8, Isaiah 61:17, Jeremiah 49:12, John 12, Matthew 16:23)

IV. Sleep.

V. Strength.

VI. Sequence.

Application questions:

1. Does the church talk about suffering in the way it should today? Explain.

2. Why is prayer so important in suffering?

3. When have you struggled with grief? How is Jesus a model in this?
