

The Son in Sorrow, Part 2

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Matthew 26.

B. So many Christians know so little about Christ.

C. Jesus is the Man of Sorrows. He was contemned, afflicted, rejected and oppressed. (John 13:30, Luke 22:53)

II. Jesus was tempted to avoid the cross, but he was strengthened to do God's will.

A. He was resolute to do the will of God.

B. Prayer is not a means to get God to do what we want but a means to get us lined up with God's will.

III. The disciples had to come to terms with their spiritual self-confidence in their inability to pray through the night, but Jesus conquered in the strength of his father.

A. Jesus resisted the Devil in the strength of prayer.

B. People fell down at the power of Jesus in this scene. (John 18)

IV. Jesus taught to be alert and be in prayer to keep from temptation.

A. We have to be aware of the Devil's craftiness and go to God in prayer.

B. God knows how to go to God in prayer. (2 Peter 2:8)

C. It is important to understand that every Christian has a desire to do what is right, but they are weak because of humanness. (Romans 7:15)

D. The sequence for disaster in temptation: confidence, sleep, temptation, sin and disaster.

E. The sequence of victory in temptation: humility, prayer, temptation, obedience and victory.

Application Questions:

1. Who is a model in your life of prayer? What makes them stand out?

2. What role does prayer play in facing temptation?

3. Why is self-confidence so dangerous in our spiritual life?
