

So Close, but so Far Away**Mark 14:32-42**

Mark 14:36b –“ ...Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

Big Idea: Your Prayers Matter to God**Main Passage**

Mark 14:32-42—³²They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.”³³ He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled.³⁴ “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,” he said to them. “Stay here and keep watch.”³⁵ Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him.³⁶ “Abba, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

³⁷Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Simon,” he said to Peter, “are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour?”³⁸ Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.”³⁹ Once more he went away and prayed the same thing.⁴⁰ When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him.⁴¹ Returning the third time, he said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.⁴² Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

Three Scenes of the Garden**Scene #1 – Jesus draws near to God**

- **Mark 14:32-42**—³²They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.”
- **James 4:8a**—Come near to God and he will come near to you.
- **Hebrews 5:7-9**—⁷ During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.⁸ Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him

Scene #2 – The disciples sleep (So close, but so far away)

Mark 14:37-40--³⁷ Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Simon,” he said to Peter, “are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour?”³⁸ Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.”

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- **Revelation 3:2-3** – ² Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of my God. ³ Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

Scene #3 – The Garden leads to the Mission

- **Mark 14:41-42** – ⁴¹ Returning the third time, he said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴² Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!” Calling His disciples to Him, He said to them, “Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the contributors to the treasury; ⁴⁴ for they all put in out of their surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in all she owned, all she had to live on.”
- **John 12:24** – I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.
- **Acts 4:12** — Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

Memory Verse

Romans 14:11: It is written: " 'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.' "

Application

How are you preparing yourself for Easter?
How are you preparing those closest for Easter?
God is on the move...how will you be changed?

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