

Lesson 55 Matthew 26 36-39 Jesus teaching on Intercessory Prayer

Introduction

Jesus came with them to a little estate of land called Gethsemane or "Garden of the winepress". He said, "Sit down in the same spot or "in agreement" while I go and make my "vow" yonder.

The Trio

And taking Peter and James and John He began to be sad and in a state of great unease -as if He was not at home with all that was happening. (Greek *αδημονεω*) and He said to them "My soul is deeply sorrowful unto death. Remain here and watch with me. And going forward a very little He fell on his face praying..

The Prayer about the cup of suffering

"Father if it is possible" is plain enough-it means if there is "power enough to do such a thing" i.e. "within the range of raised power" but the second phrase is hard. It is based on the verb *παρεχομαι* which means "go past swiftly" or "give it the 'go-by'" or of a danger "let the danger pass".

Your will in best

"Nevertheless not my will but your will be done"

From paper to practice.



- 1 There is enough power at God's disposal to constantly frustrate those who would take Christ-but that way there would be no trial and crucifixion
- 2 There was enough commitment on Christ's part despite the deep reticence at the very edge of the experience of this terrible cup of suffering.

Jesus position says it all!

When Jesus fell on the ground what was Jesus showing?

- (A) That He was very tired
- (B) That He was wholly submissive to the Father's will.
- (C) That he knew there was no way out except the "cup"