

Could you not watch one hour?

Mark 14:33-34 (NASB) “And He took with Him Peter and James and John, and began to be very distressed and troubled. And He said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved to the point of death; remain here and keep watch.”

First: The AGONY of Jesus.

Mark 14:34 (NASB) “And He said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved to the point of death; remain here and keep watch.”

Luke 22:43-44 (NASB) “Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him. And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground.”

1. Jesus knew that DEATH is the wages that sin has earned.

Romans 6:23 (NASB) “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2. Jesus knew that death is a RESULT of the judgment of God.

Romans 5:12 (NASB) “Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned.”

3. Jesus knew that He would become SIN.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NASB) “He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

4. Jesus knew that death would bring on Him the WRATH of God.

1 John 2:2 (NASB) “He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.”

Second: The PRAYER of Jesus.

Luke 22:41-42 (NASB) “And He withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and He knelt down and began to pray, saying, “Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done.”

1. FATHER

Mark 14:36 (NASB) ““Abba! Father! All things are possible for You; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what You will.”

1 John 1:2-3 (NASB) we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us — what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

2. IF

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3. REMOVE

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4. **YET**

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1 John 2:17 (NASB) "The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever."

Hebrews 5:7 (NASB) "In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety (His reverent submission)."

Third: The FAILURE of the disciples.

Mark 14:37-38 (NASB) "And He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? "Keep watching and praying that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

John 13:6-8a (NASB) "So He came to Simon Peter. He said to Him, "Lord, do You wash my feet?" Jesus answered and said to him, "What I do you do not realize now, but you will understand hereafter." Peter said to Him, "Never shall You wash my feet!" Jesus answered him,

Matthew 26:33 (NASB) "But Peter said to Him, "Even though all may fall away because of You, I will never fall away."

Matthew 26:35 (NASB) "Peter said to Him, "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You." All the disciples said the same thing too.

Luke 22:31-32 (NASB) "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NASB) "No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it."

Application:

Compare and contrast your prayer life with that demonstrated by Jesus.

When Jesus calls you to "watch and pray" what is your reaction.

Do you find yourself slumbering while others are agonizing?

How do you handle your long Gethsemane nights?

What has God shown you through this study?

What adjustments do you need to make in your life?

Memory Verse: Luke 22:39 (NASB) "When He arrived at the place, He said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation."