Quarter Three: The Book of Mark

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Lesson 11—Taken and Tried

Tuesday: Gethsemane September 10, 2024

- Last Weeks: "Jerusalem Controversies"
  - Mark 11 (Mark 11–16 cover one week) 6 controversies at the end of His public ministry
- Last Week: "The Last Days"
  - o Mark 12 & 13 destruction of Jerusalem / end of the world
- This Week: "Taken and Tried"
  - $\circ$  Mark 14 (Mark <math>14 16 =the Passion narrative)
    - 5<sup>th</sup> sandwich story Last supper, Gethsemane & arrest 6<sup>th</sup> sandwich story

**Memory Text:** "And He said, 'Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Take this cup from Me; Nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will." (Mark 14:36, NKJV)

The week in brief:

- 1. **Sunday**: Unforgettable (John L)
  - o Mark 14:1-11-5<sup>th</sup> sandwich story & study in contrasts: plot to arrest Jesus vs woman who anointed Jesus with perfume
- 2. **Monday**: The Last Supper (Ryan)
  - Mark 14:12 31 Thursday evening; Passover supper / communion; Peter's promise to stay with Jesus
- 3. **Tuesday**: Gethsemane (Jill)
  - o Mark 14:32 42 Jesus' experience in Gethsemane; the Father's answer is "no"
- 4. Wednesday: Leaving All to Flee from Jesus (John D)
  - $\circ$  Mark 14:43 52 Judas' betrayal of Jesus; dual plot = will of God is coming to fulfillment even as the will of man works to destroy the Messiah; disciples flee
- 5. Thursday: Who Are You? (Daniel)
  - $\circ$  Mark 14:60-72-6<sup>th</sup> sandwich story: Jesus giving a faithful report at the trial at the Sanhedrin & Peter lying & denying Jesus, just outside

# Gethsemane

Mark 14:32 - 42

- Passover / Last Supper is over
  - o Jesus & disciples left walled city of Jerusalem
  - Headed across the Kidron Valley
    - Final conversation & instruction to disciples John 13 17
    - Neared Gethsemane, strangely silent
  - o To garden of Gethsemane on the slopes of the Mount of Olives
    - \*Walked down the hill to the garden (now adjacent to a Franciscan Church)

- Garden of Gethsemane where
  - o Last great battle between Christ & Satan was fought
  - o Fate of humanity was decided
  - o Christ tasted death for every man became the Substitute for our sin
  - o Christ experienced the agony of separation from His Father
  - Christ submitted to His Father's will
    - And that will was a "no" to His human desire
    - Answer to His three-fold heartfelt prayer was a "no"
      - Salvation of humanity was at stake
- Mark 14:32 "Then they came to a place which was named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.'
  - o Gethsemane = "oil press" in Hebrew
    - Olives are pressed to release the oils / juices

#### The Pressing

- We are pressed to become more like Jesus
  - Heb 12 For whom the Lord loves, He corrects / chastens
- We are pressed to reveal Jesus
  - John 9 who sinned, this man or his parents?
    - o Neither, God might be glorified
- Jesus was pressed to
  - Bear the weight of humanity's sin (all our sins)
    - He was pressed so much He sweated great drops of blood
  - Bear the separation from His Father
  - Take our punishment / our place substitutionary atonement
- Pressing of olives = 3 part process (in ancient Israel)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> pressing = used for holy purposes (lamps to light in the sanctuary; anointing oil)
  - $2^{\text{nd}}$  pressing = used as medicine for healing
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> pressing = used for soap
- Jesus pressed 3 times
  - Three times the prayer take this cup from Me
    - 1<sup>st</sup> pressing = He is holy; He bore our sins so we can be forgiven
      - $\circ$  Isa 53:6 = ....the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> pressing = Isa 53:5 ...with His stripes, we are healed (stripes = wounds)
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> pressing = David's prayer, Ps 51 wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow
      - o 1 John 1:7 The blood of Jesus cleanses from all sin

## O Takeaway #1: Jesus walked into the olive press for me

- Mark 14:33 "And He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be troubled and deeply distressed."
  - o The weight of the sins of the world began to crush Him

- Isa 53:5 "But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed."
  - Jesus bore my sins in His body
- 2 Cor 5:21 "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

#### • Takeaway #2: Jesus carried the weight of sin for me

- He became my Substitute
- Mark 14:34 "Then He said to them, 'My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch.""
  - Spatial separation
    - Other disciples left at garden entrance
    - Closest 3 disciples brought into inner circle
      - Witnessed transfiguration & Gethsemane
  - Separation from His Father
    - Always One with the Father
      - \*Sin appears worse, the more removed from it we are
        - o I enjoy some sin another slice of pie, holding onto bitterness
        - Some sin have no desire for drugs, cigarettes,
        - Some sin seems heinous kids tortured & abused, woman raped & brutalized
      - All sin appeared that heinous to Jesus and He bore it all
    - DA, p. 686 "He felt that by sin He was being separated from His Father. The gulf was so broad, so black, so deep, that His spirit shuddered before it....As man, He must endure the wrath of God against transgression."
      - As Substitute & Surety for man, Christ was suffering under divine justice
    - DA, p. 693 "Could mortals have viewed the amazement of the angelic host as in silent grief they watched the Father separating His beams of light, love and glory from His beloved Son, they would better understand how offensive in His sight is sin."
  - o Takeaway #3: Jesus endured separation from God for me
- Mark 14:35, 36 "He went a little farther, and fell on the ground, and prayed that if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. (38) And He said, 'Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Take this **cup** away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will."
  - The cup = the cup of God's wrath (cup of His indignation) / cup of suffering
    - Rev  $14 3^{rd}$  angels message wine of the wrath of God that is poured out
  - o Ultimate Surrender
    - You could remove it but I still submit to Your will
      - You are all powerful but You are also all knowing
      - \*our human struggle: healing,

- Martha & Mary Lord, if You had been here, our brother wouldn't have died
- Jesus asked to be spared yet God said "no"
  - Salvation of humanity was at stake
- O Takeaway #4: Jesus accepted God's "no" for me
- Mark 14:37, 38 "Then He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, 'Simon, are you sleeping? Could you not watch one hour? (38) Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."
  - o He who had been the intercessor for others, now longed for an intercessor for Himself
    - Isa 63:3 "I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people, there was none with Me..."
  - O DA, p. 687, 688 "The human heart longs for sympathy in suffering. This longing Christ felt to the very depths of His being. In the supreme agony of His soul He came to His disciples with a yearning desire to hear some words of comfort from those whom He has so often blessed and comforted, and shielded in sorrow and distress. The One who had always had words of sympathy for them was now suffering superhuman agony, and He longed to know that they were praying for Him and for themselves....If He could only know that His disciples understood and appreciated this, He would be strengthened."
  - O Takeaway #5: Jesus walked alone for me
- Mark 14:39 "Again He went away and prayed, and spoke the same words."
  - o Luke tells us He sweated great drops of blood
    - Heb 12:4 you have not resisted until blood, striving against sin
  - The cup trembled in His hands
    - DA, p. 690, 691 "He sees the helplessness of man. He sees the power of sin. The woes and lamentations of a doomed world rise before Him. He beholds its impending fate, and His decision is made. He will save man at any cost to Himself. He accepts His baptism of blood, that through Him perishing millions may gain everlasting life....Having made the decision, He fell dying to the ground from which He had partially risen."
  - o Isa 53:12 "....He poured out His soul unto death..."
  - O Takeaway #6: Jesus chose me over His own life
- Luke 22:43 "Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him."
  - o At the temptation, an angel came, strengthening Him
    - At this last great trial, an angel came, strengthening Him
  - o God does not always say "yes," but He will strengthen us to endure any trial
    - Jesus was strengthened to drink the cup

- Mark 14:41, 42 "Then He came the third time and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough! The hour has come; behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. (42) Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand."
  - o Takeaway #7: Jesus obeyed His Father implicitly
    - Came from difficult experience, surrendered completely to the Father; willing to walk forward and drink the cup

## • 7 Takeaways from the Garden of Gethsemane

- o #1: Jesus walked into the olive press for me
- o #2: Jesus carried the weight of sin for me
- o #3: Jesus endured separation from God for me
- o #4: Jesus accepted God's "no" for me
- o #5: Jesus walked alone for me
- o #6: Jesus chose me over His own life
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