

Luke 22.39-53

Darkness over the Garden

East side of Jerusalem – Olive Grove / Mt. of Olives / Lk NOT Gethsemane  
 Passover – Jerusalem FILLED w Pilgrims / Teach in Temple / Camp in Garden  
 Normally HAPPY Place for Jesus & Disciples > Safety, Support, Singing  
 DARK! Despair, Fear, Betrayal, Denial, Abandonment > Walk into TRAP!

7<sup>th</sup> C debate Did Jesus have 2 Wills? Common Idea – Distant, Aloof, GOD

Reason some Pray to Mary > Mother get her Busy Son's Attention!

3<sup>rd</sup> Council Constantinople 681 AD > Jesus both Divine & Human will

“Dyothelitism” = "two wills": Human AND Divine – NOT Monothelite

Jesus – God and Man – fully God, fully man / Human & Divine Will

Jesus Terrified as a Man – Not Machine, Robot, Facing Tortuous Death

### 1. The Submissive Son

Jesus real man – WITHOUT SIN – in Muck and Misery of Humanity

MANY DIFFICULTIES – began ministry - Attack Devil – 40 day Fast

Luke 4.13 “When the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time”

Devil was always nipping at Jesus' heels like a barking dog

Luke 12.50 “I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished!”

Shadow of CROSS loomed Large over All He Did

1<sup>st</sup> Prediction: Luke 9.22: Jesus > Son of Man must suffer many things, be rejected by elders/priests, be killed, and rise on the third day.

2<sup>nd</sup> Prediction: Luke 9.43-45: Jesus warns > "the Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men"

3<sup>rd</sup> Prediction: Luke 18.31-33: As they approach Jerusalem, Jesus to 12: “everything written by the prophets will be fulfilled: he will be delivered to the Gentiles, mocked, insulted, spit on, flogged, and killed”

Necessity of Cross – Jesus knows He must do it / Father's Will / But Struggles!

PLAN SET INTO MOTION FROM ALL ETERNITY

GOD THE SON – REDEEM THOSE ELECTED by GOD the FATHER

“For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up on the last day.” John 6.38,39

a. **Preached** – Teacher who Taught His Disciples How to Pray

Jesus – Like any GOOD PREACHER – Preached on PRAYER

Lk 18.1 Jesus told his disciples...they should always pray and not give up

JESUS Teaching – CALL TO PRAYER – MANY EXAMPLES

Humble Publicans – Proud Pharisees – A widow who lost her only Son

Roman Centurion – former Prostitute – Tax Collectors

Worried Hosts with No Bread to feed the Surprise Visitors

Widow pleading with Unjust Judge – Little Children

2 X's v. 40 to disciples “Pray that you may not enter into temptation”

v. 46 “Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation”

b. **Practiced** – What does that preacher do during own crisis? PRAYS!!

9/11 Twin Towers - Beloved Priest died while giving Last Rites to Firefighter

In a similar way -- Jesus – Practiced what He Preached

Heb 5.7,8 “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”

v. 39 he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him

Jerusalem Campground: Jesus here Every Night during last week of His Life

Safety and Fellowship w 100's of Pilgrims during Passover

v 41 He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed

TOLD them WHAT TO DO & SHOWED them HOW TO DO

...for this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful & faithful high priest in service to God...he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted” Hebrews 2.14-18

## 2. The Sovereign Surrenders

a. **God's Design** v. 42 “not my will, but yours, be done”

God's WILL > Different Meanings of WILL OF GOD

NOT MY WILL as MAN = Not what I ASK as a MAN ON EARTH

YOUR WILL as GOD = SOVEREIGN WILL OF GOD IN HEAVEN

Jesus – God and Man – fully God, fully man / Human & Divine Will

God NOT Indifferent – Sovereign AND Good – does the BEST

James Boice “God does not need to consult anyone in formulating his plans, & he does not need any help from anyone in carrying them out”

Michelangelo criticized church leaders @ St. Peter’s Rome

“Even if I were able to make my plans clear to you, which I am not, I am not obliged to do so. I must ask you to do your best to help me, and when the work is complete, my plan will be understood”

#### GOD’S WILL WILL BE DONE – IT WILL NEVER FAIL

“Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus”

1 Thessalonians 5.18

b. God’s Demand v. 42 “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me”

JESUS did the WILL of His FATHER – submits to His demands

Family Prayer “Your will be done” – This sense of God’s Will

Some think > NO Reason to PRAY for GOD’S DESIGN – It will HAPPEN

PROBLEM Appears that evil triumphs / is this God’s will?

Why God design Wars, Suffering, Birth Defects, Famine, Cancer, Nukes?

ANOTHER Problem: Reconcile God’s Will /Man’s Responsibility?

Luke 22.22 “For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!” > ANSWER seen in Cross of Jesus

Greatest EVIL in HISTORY – Murder of Sinless Son of God

RESULTS in Greatest BLESSING – SALVATION OF GOD

God is Completely Sovereign AND We are Fully Responsible!

c. God’s Delight Easier to PRAY this for OTHERS, NOT sure Ourselves

DIFFERENT MOTIVES - PRAYING THIS PRAYER

1) Resentment – no other choice, God trapped U, OK you win

2) Self Pity – I am so sad, no one is worse off than me

PITY PARTY > INVITE SELF – GOD CAN COME TOO

3) Superiority Think we know more of situation than God

8.2 Billion in World – God must be quite busy – Needs our Advice

GOD KNOWS US BETTER THAN WE KNOW OURSELVES

Look Back Life – That We Knew Best – Forever Grateful MY will Not Done!

4) Rebellion We want our own way / not just Kids

Frank Sinatra: 80 years old and still singing “I Did it My Way”

Potential for ALL OF US - REBEL AGST GOD & HIS WILL

5) Fear – maybe the most common Wrong Motive

Think - BIG MEAN GOD WANTS US TO BE MISERABLE

“My mother died of cancer before 40 – it was the will of God”

“Thousands died in NYC on 9/11 – it was the will of God”

NO WONDER people AFRAID TO PRAY THIS PRAYER!

Diff btwn IMMEDIATE Cause: SIN OR EVIL / ULTIMATE Cause: GOD

Romans 8.28 “God works all things together for the good those who love Him and are called according to His purposes” > God Sovereign AND GOOD!

JESUS DELIGHTED HIS FATHER – CAME TO DO HIS WILL

“Here I am, I have come – it is written about me in the scroll. I delight to do your will, O my God, your law is within my heart”  
Psalm 40.7,8

Romans 12.2 “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, perfect, and pleasing will”

How about YOU? Is God’s Will Good, Perfect, & Pleasing to YOU?

PROCESS OF GROWTH – SOMETIMES DYING – INTO MATURITY

### 3. The Sorrowing Savior

“Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him” Hebrews 5.8,9

a. Angel v. 43 “an angel from heaven ... strengthening him”

Having an Angel’s Help Did Not END His Problems > GOT WORSE!

Angel Strengthens and it Get’s Worse > Sweat Drops of Blood

Darkness gets Darker > Power of Darkness takes Over Jerusalem

GOD STRENGTHENS US TO GO THRU TRIALS, NOT AROUND

“No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful, he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out SO THAT YOU CAN STAND UP UNDER IT” 1 Corinthians 10.13

b. Anguish Nothing in our experience fully compares with this

v. 44 And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Sweat LIKE Blood > NOT say Sweating Blood > Sweat CLUMPS like Blood

“Like” – drops of blood – perhaps falling clots of sweat

Hematidrosis: rare/ great emotional stress/ blood vessels rupture in sweat gland

“Dripping blood is expected in crucifixion...sweat like blood only mention by Dr.

Luke...most intense suffering in Gethsemane not Golgotha

Gethsemane his SOUL was Crucified / Golgotha his BODY was Crucified

Fully Human – Nerves, Stress, Anticipation, Fears, Worries just LIKE WE DO

GREATER ANGUISH – GREATER THE EARNESTY IN PRAYER

1<sup>st</sup> Adam cursed to Sweat of brow / 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam conquers curse by sweat & blood

ANGUISH? – More than just Natural fear of death – AWFUL CUP

Psa 75.8 In the hand of the Lord is a cup full of foaming wine mixed w/ spices; he pours it out, and all the wicked of the earth drink it down to its very dregs”

Isa 51.22 “This is what the Sovereign Lord says – See I have taken out of your hand the cup that made you stagger, from that cup, the goblet of my wrath”

Jer 25.15 “This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, said – Take from my hand this cup filled with the wine of my wrath...when they drink it, they will stagger and go mad because of the sword I will send among them”

Habakkuk 2.16 “The cup from the Lord’s right hand is coming around to you, and disgrace will cover your glory”

JESUS WAS ABOUT TO DRINK THIS AWFUL CUP OF WRATH

BEARING IN HIS BODY THE FULL PUNISHMENT OF OUR SIN

ENDURING THE FURY OF GOD’S WRATH IN OUR PLACE

Luke 23.27,28 followed him a great multitude of people & women who were mourning & lamenting for him...turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.

Cross is NOT the Greatest Tragedy in History > Over Focus on Emotions

Do Not Weep for Me! Weep for Selves – YOU are Tragedy – Terrible SIN

YOU are so Terrible that I MUST Go to Cross for YOUR SAKE

Mt Olives > Delight turns to DREAD / Happiness to HORROR

GREAT VICTORY IN GARDEN – WILLING CONSENT OF JESUS

c. Appeal – see both the Disappointment and Compassion of Jesus

vs. 45,46 when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, and he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

#### JESUS WAS SUFFERING / THEY WERE SLUMBERING

Jesus prayed for PETER 22.31-32 “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail.”

d. Arrest > Gesture of Love in the Cloak of Treachery!

vs. 47 While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, but Jesus said to him, “Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?”... “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?” one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. Jesus said, “No more of this!”

Betray Son of Man with Kiss – Jesus is Still Healer and Preacher

Jesus Frustratingly Says “Enough of This!” > No More of This!

No Physical Force in the Name of God > No Violence in the Ministry

John 18.36 J. to Pilate “My kingdom is not of this world.

People say “No thanks, I will find my own way, just not for me”

Many think there are Other Ways? Divine Necessity – No Other Way

Did God give Body & Soul of Only Son to give YOU Choice make Own Way?

No! If U Think is Another Way, Walk away from Jesus = Unforgivable Sin

Jesus > God’s Way, Only Way, Every Other way Falls Short

“As far as his human will was concerned, he did not want to die. The coming crucifixion filled him with so much dread that it almost killed him. But Jesus was willing to suffer the horror of that dread for my salvation...He died this horrible, damnable, God-forsaken death that no one would ever want to die. He died this death because there was no other way for sinners to be saved, no easier road to redemption, no alternative to the cross...Terrified by what he knew, and terrified by what he did not know, he took damnation lovingly”

Philip Ryken

v. 53 When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.”

November 1776 things Not Going Well for American Army  
Broken with England in signing Declaration of Independence in July 1776  
General George Washington & Army > Fighting for their Lives  
Adding to Stress for Washington were Plots of own Soldiers to Overthrow him  
Army Billeted in New Brunswick, NJ > letter to Adjutant General Joseph Reed  
Reed out Assign > Wash that letter from Gen Charles Lee Impt Army Business  
Secret Letter from Lee to Reed about Washington: How they'd Overthrow him  
Washington NOT say word about Letter to Anyone  
Forwarded letter to Adjutant General Reed w Apology for Opening It  
Gen Lee & Gen Reed knew Gen Wash ON to them: Held Quiet Control Army  
Jesus in Garden acted like Gen Wash > Hour of Darkness has Come!  
Son of God is Light of World > Light shines in the Darkness, Darkness cannot overcome it!

Psalm 66 // Shout for joy to God, all the earth; // **sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!** // Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you. // **All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.”**

Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man. //

**He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot.** // There did we rejoice in him, who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations // **let**

**not the rebellious exalt themselves.** // Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, // **who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.**

For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

**You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs;**

you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water;

yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance. // **I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will perform my vows to you,** // that which my lips uttered and my

mouth promised when I was in trouble. // **I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and**

**goats.** // Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul. //

**I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue** // If I had cherished

iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. // **But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.** //

Blessed be God, // **because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me! Amen and Amen.**