

# THE AGONY OF BETRAYAL

Sunday, April 14, 2019  
AM Worship Service  
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**Text Passage:** Matthew 26:36-46

“Gethsemane” means *olive press*.

## **SCENE #1: JESUS’ INTENSE** \_\_\_\_\_

(Matthew 26:36-39)

🕒 **Matthew 17:1; Mark 5:37; Revelation 13:8**

Jesus was fully \_\_\_\_\_ in every way except that He had no fallen, depraved sinful nature. He experienced every human emotion exactly as we experience them.

*“Never was so much sorrow emanating from the soul of one individual. We could never comprehend the depth of Christ’s agony because, frankly, we cannot perceive the wickedness of sin as He could. Nor can we appreciate the terrors of divine wrath the way he did. The sorrow He expresses in the Gethsemane prayer is therefore beyond our comprehension. We should not wonder if the full meaning of the prayer seems to elude us.”*

“Very heavy” means *distressed*.

“Exceeding sorrowful” means *grieved all around*.

🕒 **Luke 22:44; Hebrews 5:7**

## **SCENE #2: JESUS’ AGONIZING** \_\_\_\_\_

(Matthew 26:39-44)

⌚ **Mark 14:36**

The “cup” that Jesus dreaded to drink was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the holy fury of God’s wrath on sin.

In the Old Testament, the “cup” is symbolic of \_\_\_\_\_.

⌚ **Isaiah 51:17; Jeremiah 25:15-16; I John 2:2;  
Isaiah 53:6, 10; Psalm 22:1**

Though Jesus would never give into sin, He felt the full \_\_\_\_\_ of sin’s temptation.

We may plead for God’s intervention, but in the end prayer enables us to faithfully \_\_\_\_\_ God’s will in our lives.

**SCENE #3: JESUS’ UNCONDITIONAL** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Matthew 26:45-46)

**CONCLUSION:**

From the disciple’s example, self-confidence does not lead to prayer and dependence but leads to \_\_\_\_\_.

Sleeping in the face of the enemy brings temptation, sin and ultimately disaster. Jesus’ example is when tempted; pray, pray, pray.

After surrender comes spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ that will enable us to overcome temptation.



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