## **GOSPEL OF MARK**

## Gethsemane Mark 14:32-42

## Mac Williams, Pastor November 16, 2014

| 1. | In Gethsemane, we are given insight into the depth of Jesus' for sin.  |
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|    | a. As the God-Man, Jesus entered into the deep that is caused by sin.  |
|    | "He grieved for, who had no cause of grief<br>for Himself; and, laying aside the delights of the eternal<br>Godhead, He experiences the affliction of my weakness."<br>- Ambrose   |
|    | b. The horror that Jesus expressed came from bearing in all its hideousness before the holy justice of God.  |
|    | "He had before His eyes the dreadful tribunal of God, and the Himself armed with inconceivable vengeance; and because our sins, the load of which was laid upon Him, pressed Him down with their enormous weight." - John Calvin |
|    | c. Jesus rightly speaks first of the almighty power of God. Next, in His anguish, He prays to avoid the cup of suffering, but then immediately fully and voluntarily to the will of God.   |

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|            | Jesus calls out Peter, James, and John to help them see more the sinful weakness of their hearts.  |
|            | b. In order to rightly honor the Lord, we must be against temptation so we will be ready to resist.  |
|            | c. If we are to stand against temptation we must come to the Lord in knowing He will help us.  |
|            | "He reminds them, that though they are earnestly desirous to do what is, still they must contend with the weakness of the flesh, and, therefore, that prayer is never unnecessary."  - John Calvin   |
|            | "The remarkable element in the scene is that in the midst of an unparalleled agony Jesus twice more came to after His three vulnerable disciples and to warn them of their danger of failure in the struggle which was about to overwhelm them."  - William Lane |
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