

The Final Hours (Pt. 2)

Gethsemane

Mat. 26:36-56

GOOD MORNING!!

The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness I dare not trust the sweetest frame But wholly lean on Jesus' name

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand All other ground is sinking sand All other ground is sinking sand

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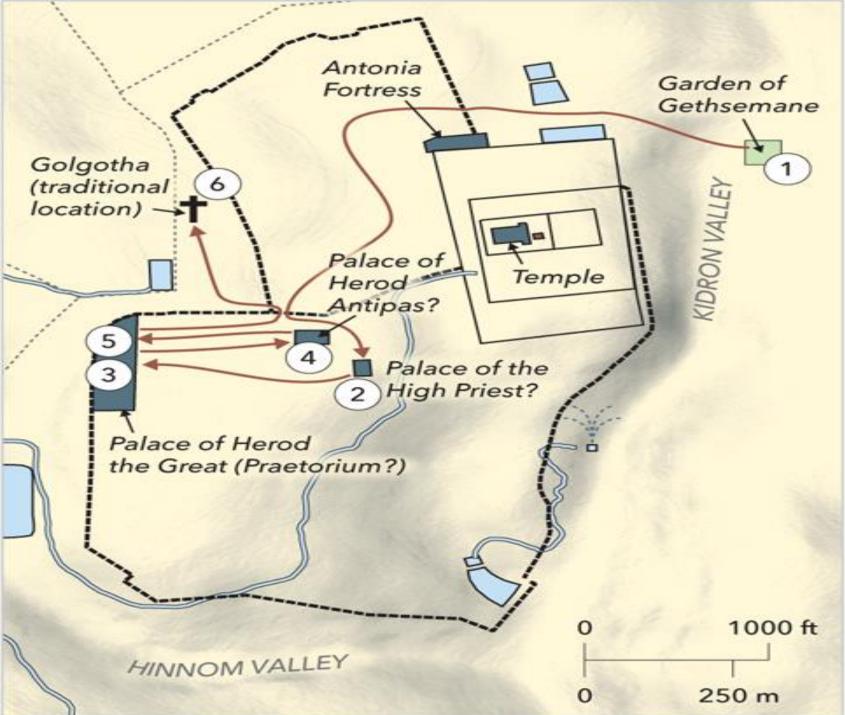
When darkness veils His lovely face I rest on His unchanging grace In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil

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When He shall come with trumpet sound Oh, I will then in Him be found Dressed in His righteousness alone Faultless to stand before the throne!

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1. Garden of Gethsemane

- Taken to Annas (unknown location) who send him to the high priest, Caiaphas.
- Jewish leader appealed to Roman Governor Pilate to put him to death.
- Luke says Pilate sent Jesus to Herod Antipas.
- 5. Herod sent Jesus back to Pilate without giving any judgment.
- 6. Pilate then sent Jesus to be crucified at Golgotha.

- 1. Instead of going with Christ to the "altar" in faith, understanding that God would raise Him from the dead like Abraham, they would end up being offended: first they will fall asleep in Gethsemane and then they will run away from Christ at His betrayal, leaving Him to carry it out all by Himself (Mat. 26:56).
- 2. They refused to trust in God and His Word:
 - a. They refused to believe what Jesus had been telling them about His death and resurrection (Mat. 16:21-23)
 - a. They refused to operate in faith, singing Ps. 118 (Mat. 26:30).
 - b. They didn't believe Jesus when He said they would all be offended by Him that night (Mat. 26:31).
 - c. And Peter and the others didn't believe Jesus's words that he would deny Him 3 times before the cock crows (Mat. 26:34-35)

- 3. Instead of trusting Jesus, they trusted in themselves, underestimating the power of their own sinful flesh and the sifting program of Satan that lie ahead for them (Lk. 22:31). Their spirit was willing to be faithful, but their flesh was weak (Mat. 26:41)
 - --they needed to rely on God's power and the truth of His Word.
- 4. Their spiritual slumber leads to physical slumber in the Garden (Mat. 26:40). Rejecting God and His Word, they didn't have anything to talk with God about so they fell asleep.
- 5. The disciples had much to pray about if they believed: ie., for the strength to not be offended with and flee from Christ. That they might be delivered from temptations of Satan and his attacks on them. About Christ's upcoming death and the certainty of His resurrection. Talked to God about all the Jesus taught them...

- 6. If you replace God's things with your own things or the world's things, then you won't have anything to talk to God about so you'll either go to sleep like the disciples or engage in pretend religious prayer.
 - --This is as true in God's Prophetic Program with Israel as it is in His Mystery Program with the Body of Christ.
 - 7. The rest of the account will contrast the faithful servant of the Lord in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the unfaithful servants of His followers.
 - They not only didn't understand the weakness of their own flesh, they also didn't understand the Satanic warfare that was about to be unleashed on them. Satan desired to sift them (Lk. 22:31-32)

- 9. If they were operating in faith, they would stayed there and watched with Jesus (Mat. 26:38), watched in the sense of staying awake so that they too could pray.
 - --Pray so that they not enter into temptation (26:41). They were about to face many temptations—to be offended at and to deny Christ, to avoid arrest, ridicule, suffering and death; despair at from their view the apparent failure of Jesus. Satan would be violently at work against them through His policy of evil. They had much to pray about.
 - 10. Not heeding Jesus's words and not praying:
 - a. They will faint in their faithfulness (Lk. 18:1)
 - b. They despaired over the apparent failure of Jesus and His going away and their whole plans falling apart (Lk. 22:45).

11.Compare this to the faithful Jesus heeding the words of the Father:

- a. In faithful prayer He was ministered to by an angel who strengthened Him, perhaps bringing to the forefront of His thinking the words of God in the Law, Prophets and Psalms so that all things would be fulfilled, strengthening His inner man, assuring Him of the Father's will and looking toward the joy set before Him in resurrection (Lk. 24:44; Heb. 12:2; 1:14). At temptation, physical food (Mat. 4:11). Here spiritual food.
- b. Perhaps reminding Him of all the benefits that He would accrue for Israel and the world—providing for fulfillment of all God's Covenants with Israel dealing with her sinful past, creating her anew in the Kingdom and giving her a glorious future and through her the whole world. Not to mention the defeat of Satan.

12. Jesus Prayed:

- a. O My Father; Abba Father (Mk. 14:36)—intimacy of the relationship between the Father and the Son as an adult participant in the Father's business, understanding, taking into account and obeying the will of the Father.
- b. Being exceeding sorrowful and very heavy (Mat. 26:37-38)
- c. Three times for the cup of wrath might pass by Him (Mat. 26:39, 42, 44).
- d. This was not to escape going to the Cross—He willingly was doing that, going all the way back to His temptation by Satan in the wilderness (Mat. 4:8-9). He looked forward to it (Heb. 12:2). It was needed if Israel and indeed the whole world were to be redeemed from sin and death and returned to God and His Glory it was required (Heb. 9:22; 10:1-14).

13. Jesus's Prayer:

- e. The cup here is the cup or God's wrath, fury and judgment that would be poured out on Him as the sin bearer of Israel and the world (Mt. 20:22-23, 28; Lev. 26; Is. 51:17, 22). Perhaps Jesus was being torn between His Righteousness which required this and His Holiness being offended because of all the sin and death, wrath and judgment that would be laid upon Him—forsaken of God (Mat. 27:45-46).
- f. But even though He might make this request, in true sonship obedience He would submit to the will of the Father.
- g. He leaves the prayer assured of the Father's will, sets His face like flint to go to the Cross saying to Peter: Put up thy sword ...the cup which My Father has given Me, shall I not drink it (Jn. 18:11)?

14. Satan has continually attacked Jesus with regard to His death on the Cross, trying to get Him to take some alternate course to obtain the world outside the will of the Father (Mat. 4:1-11; 16:21-23). So, He prays about this in accord with Mat. 6:8-13 and the Father's will is affirmed. He will obey, strengthened through prayer—thinking the things of God (Mat. 16:23), denying Himself (16:24) accepting the cup in obedience to the Father.

The hour has come. Jesus is betrayed by Judas but He is really "betrayed", handed over, delivered over into the hands of His enemies and sinners by God and Himself (Mat. 26:45). 15.While the mob (which probably included Roman soldiers and Temple police) thought they were doing the will of the religious leaders (VRS) but Jesus says it was really the will of the Father and happening in the fulfillment of Scripture (Mat. 26:56). --Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled.

16. The disciples, however, have lost the opportunity to be strengthened through prayer, fled and forsook Him and fled.