

"Agony in the Garden -Part 1" Mark 14:32-42 ◆ Pastor Jim Lennon March 12, 2023

Introduction —In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus experienced one of the darkest moments of His life on earth.

I. The Gospel Events Really Happened.

- A. How Jesus faced His death is unique in ancient history.
 - 1. The heroes of Greece and Rome.
 - 2. The heroes of Israel.
- B. Jesus struggled as He faced His own death.

II. The Judgment and Wrath of God Are Real.

- A. Up until now Jesus has been in complete control of His situation.
- B. Nothing seems to shake Him - Until now.
- C. The words that describe His struggle:
 - 1. "Deeply distressed"
 - 2. "Troubled"
 - 3. "Deeply grieved to the point of death."

- D. As Jesus faces His death He BEGAN to fall apart.
- E. This is not only unique in ancient history. It is unique in Christian history.

- F. Why is Jesus struggling?
 - 1. He's experiencing something different, far worse.
 - 2. To see what, listen to His prayer about "the cup."
 - 3. What was "the cup?"

III. The Essence of the Gospel.

- A. "The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners."
- B. The Gospel is a great reversal.

Conclusion - Lessons.