



## ***“Agony in the Garden -Part 2”***

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***Introduction*** –*In the garden of Gethsemane Jesus experienced one of the darkest moments of His life on earth. How did He handle it?*

### ***I. Jesus’ Agony in the Garden.***

- 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 He faces His death, Jesus begins to fall apart.
- E. He is facing something different and far worse than physical torture and death.
- F. God is giving Him a foretaste of Hell- eternal separation from His heavenly Father.
- G. How was He able to handle it?

### ***II. Jesus’ Way in the Garden.***

- A. We suffer when there is a GAP between our desires and our circumstances.
  - 1. The greater the gap, the greater the suffering.

- 2. The gap that Jesus is experiencing is greater than any human has ever endured.

### **B. How do we bridge the gap?**

- 1. The secular way: Quit.
- 2. The ancient Greek philosophers and eastern religions: Squelch.
- 3. What was Jesus’ GAP?

### **C. Jesus’ way of handling great hardship.**

- 1. Prayer.
- 2. Transfer Desire.
- 3. Love through trust.

### **D. The problem with secular, pagan and eastern religion’s responses - -**

### ***III. Jesus is Back in a Garden.***

- A. God said to the first Adam:
- B. God said to the second Adam:
- C. The reversal and irony of the Gospel.
- D. Behold the Son of God and believe.

### ***Conclusion.***