

THE GETHESEMANE

Scriptures:

Luke 22:41-44

Introduction

Into every life there comes a Gethsemane. It is seldom a place of pleasure, or an experience to be enjoyed. Gethsemane involves soul searching, heart rending decisions. Such decisions never come easy.

Jesus had to decide whether or not his life's history would be stained by a Calvary. The cost had to be counted. His tormented body malfunctioned because of the agony of the decision.

I. Jesus and His Gethsemane

- A. He never made a decision without praying
 - 1. Went there for counsel from his Father
 - 2. Needed strength and guidance
- B. It was not a place of serenity
 - 1. The most critical hour of Jesus' life
 - 2. Jesus Grovelled in the dirt
 - a. Hair matted with sweat and dirt
 - b. Blood, sweat, and tears
- C. Satan wanted to Kill Jesus in Gethsemane
 - 1. This would have defeated the plan
 - 2. This would have robbed man of salvation
- D. After submission strengthened by angel
 - And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.
 - Luke 22:43
 - 1. Only after submission did the Father give strength to complete the task
 - 2. Strength enabled Jesus to survive his Gethsemane

From Gethsemane there is no turning back. The Gethsemane deals in final

II. Others and their Gethsemane

A. Jimmy Swaggart

1. Recording offers
2. God's calling
3. His committment
4. God's blessing

B. ~~Jimmy Swaggart~~

- ~~1. His undedicated talent~~
- ~~2. His alcoholism~~
- ~~3. Suicide attempts~~
- ~~4. His Gethsemane~~
- ~~5. His peace~~

C. Jim Elliott

1. Summation of his Gethsemane

Wise is the man who trades that which he cannot keep for that which he cannot lose.

2. His mission to the Aucas
3. His Death

D. Paul

III. You and your Gethsemane

A. God calls for a committment

1. His demands not unreasonable
2. He will be faithful

Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

1 Peter 4:19

Faithful is he that calleth you who also will do it.

1 Thess. 5:24

3. He works only for your good

Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

Psalms 37:4-5

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FOR THE LOVE OF
CHRIST CONSTRANED
US

2 COR 5:14

SWAGGART'S TAPES
"THE LAST MILE OF
THE WAY"
"I DON'T WANT TO
UNDERSTAND"