WHO IS THIS MAN?

THE AGONY OF GETHSEMANE

Mark 14:32-43 Jeff Schreve

And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground.

Luke 22:44

Do you understand the agony of Gethsemane?

1. Jesus was facing the agony of the bitter cup of sin.

And He said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved to the point of death; remain here and keep watch." And He was saying, "Abba! Father! All things are possible for You; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what You will." Mark 14:34, 36

- A. Taking the cup meant taking the sin of the world.

 You are of purer eyes than to behold evil, And cannot look on wickedness. Habakkuk 1:13
- B. Taking the cup meant taking the wrath of God for sin.

 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men Romans 1:18

Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. Romans 5:9

C. Taking the cup meant <u>yielding</u> to the will of His Father. In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety. Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation Hebrews 5:7-9

2. Jesus was facing the <u>prayerlessness of His inner circle</u>.

A. They were sleeping because of <u>fatigue</u>, <u>fog</u>, and <u>sorrow</u>. When He rose from prayer, He came to the disciples and found them sleeping from sorrow Luke 22:45

B. They were sleeping when they <u>desperately needed to pray</u>.

"Keep watching and praying, that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Mark 14:38

Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart Luke 18:1

Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving. Colossians 4:2

Jesus prayed and yielded to the Father's will. How about you?