

MATTHEW 26:36-46 & LUKE 22:43-44– “THE PRAYER IN GETHSEMANE!” – No Other Way, Thy Will Be Done!

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The Old Rugged Cross – George Bernard – sung by Ernie Ford

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame; and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

To the old rugged cross, I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear; then He'll call me some day to my home far away, where His glory forever I'll share. (Refrain)

Chronology of the Events of the Passion Week. The significance of these nine days is demonstrated by the Gospel writers: though Christ spent three years ministering, the four authors commit at least one-fourth (Matthew and Luke) to almost one-half (John) of their books to this single week.

Saturday Jn. 11:55-12:1 Supper at Bethany

Sunday Mt. 21:1-17; Lk. 19:29-44 Disciples bring colt. Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem. Jesus in the city and temple. Retirement to Bethany.

Monday Mk. 11:12-18 The fig tree cursed. Second cleansing of the temple.

Tuesday Mt. 21:23-22:14, 41-46; Jn. 12:2-8 The last day in the temple. Christ's authority challenged. Parable of the two sons. Parable of the wicked husbandman. Parable of the rejected stone. Parable of the marriage feast. The question of tribute to Caesar. The question of the resurrection. The greatest commandment. David's son and Lord. Denunciation of the scribes and Pharisees. Lament over Jerusalem. The poor widow's gift. Greeks desire to see Jesus. The Olivet Discourse. Parables: The fig tree, the porter, the master of the house, the faithful and evil servants, the ten virgins, the talents, the sheep and the goats. Judas betrays Jesus

Wednesday Mt. 26:14-16; Mk. 14:10-11; Lk. 22:1-6 Day of quiet at Bethany.

Thursday Mt. 26:17-46; Mk. 14:12-42; Lk. 22:7-46 Preparation for the Passover. The Pascal meal and the Lord's supper. Jesus washed the disciples' feet. Judas signaled as the traitor. Apostles warned against desertion. The great upper room discourse (Jn. 13-17). The agony in Gethsemane. The betrayal and arrest. Peter and the healing of Malchus' ear.

Friday Mt. 26:47-27:56; Mk. 14:43-15:46; Jn. 18:2-19:30 First Jewish trial - before Annas; Second Jewish trial - before Caiaphas; Third Jewish trial—before Sanhedrin; Jesus declared His messiahship; Jesus mocked; Peter's denial and remorse; First Roman trial - before Pilate; Second Roman trial - before Herod; Third Roman trial - before Pilate again; Pilate handed over Jesus to the Jews; Pilate again attempted to rescue Jesus; Judas' suicide; The road to the cross; **On the cross: First three hours: 9:00 to 12:00 a.m. Three sayings:** "Father forgive them..." "Today you will be with me in paradise" "Dear woman, here is your son" **Second three hours: 12:00-3:00 p.m. Four sayings:** "My God, my God..." "I am thirsty..." **"It is finished"** "Into your hands I commend my spirit" Supernatural phenomena accompanying Jesus' death: Darkness, earthquake, of the temple veil; Burial of the body in Joseph's tomb

Saturday Mt. 27:57-66; Lk. 23:47-56; Jn. 19:31-42 Body in the tomb

Sunday Mt. 28:1-10; Mk. 16:1-8; Lk. 24:1-35; Jn. 20:1-31 The Resurrection

Mat 26:36-46 *Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray over there."*

Gethsemane – (olive press) a place of pressing, great weight, crushing! No place more fitting for what took place that evening. A place familiar place! A favorite place for Jesus and His disciples to meet, to pray, to meditate, and to get peace and quiet. **It's good to have a favorite place! A special place of communion with God. A place to meet with Him!**

[37-38] And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed.

(The word for deeply distressed (*adēmonein*), meaning **intense discomfort**, excessively concerned. **[38] Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me."**

Jesus is now entering a very difficult time, **the most difficult** time in His life – He wants His closest friends nearby as an encouragement to Him. But **then He must go alone!** What has to be done has to be done by Jesus alone, with the **Father!** No one else could suffer for what He was to go through. *"My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death."* A situation, **agony, so intense we could never understand it** – not physical suffering, but internal suffering. Sorrowful – **"encircled" by sorrow! Sorrowful in every direction, My soul is exceedingly sorrowful!** Uncomfortable, not at home, distressed, **sorrowful to the very limit of His endurance!** He being pushed to the limit! **Mark 14:33** *And He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be troubled and deeply distressed.* Amazed, greatly astonished at what He knew was coming.

[39] He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; Jesus fell on His face – falls to the ground – not because of the physical abuse He will face the next day. What was that something? There was something, not physical, that was pressing down on Him, bringing Him to His knees!

Vs. 39 "this cup" – let this cup pass from Me! It wasn't the physical, His coming death! He did not fear death—that's the reason He came into the world. **Joh 12:27-28** *"Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. [28] Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again."* For this purpose I came for this hour! He did not fear death. This was the very reason He came into the world. **This cup refers to the fact of the knowledge on that cross, He would bear all the sins of all of mankind and then bearing our sins, then receiving all the righteous divine judgment that our sins deserved!** - The purity of God suddenly **has put upon Him and the justice that it deserves, that we might be forgiven!** Here we are given a glimpse of what He went through, when we say, that Jesus died for our sin.

How humbling to me, **that my sin was behind a part of Jesus' agony**, of what He went through! This produces great love for My Savior and close worship, as well! He bore our sin on that cross.

If it is possible – If what is possible? Our salvation; the forgiveness of our sins; **if there is any other way?** Reveal that to Me now. **What was the answer from heaven? Silence, and then the cross!**

Heaven's witness, the Father's witness to the fact that **there is no other way that a man can be forgiven, apart from faith in Jesus who paid for my sin.** **Heb 5:7** *who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear,*

If anyone says there is another way, they **know nothing about Calvary; nothing about the Bible, nothing of Gethsemane.** That all religions lead to the same place. They need to spend some time with Jesus in this place and situation. It's not found in religion, but in Him! Jesus the Son of God praying three times. What went on inside of Him **will never occur again!** **This is Holy Ground!** It was silent, then God sent an angel to strengthen Him!

[39b] nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."

Nevertheless not My will but thy will be done! He surrendered, the mountain of agony on one side, and let it all go!

Salvation is free, but it is not cheap. Jesus paid a price, impossible to describe, so that we will be free, forgiven, saved! The perfect sinless, Lamb of God, bearing all of the sin of the world.

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Great agony - so great His sweat became great drops of blood! Not just mental but the pressure is also physical! **Such agony so great, that an angel was dispatched from heaven.** An indescribable pressure on Jesus!

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SUMMARY:

May we, with great love and thanksgiving, beyond description, with great worship, pray to Him! To know Him! To preach Christ crucified! To know the power of the resurrection!

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