

Study Guide for April 13th, 2003. The Road to Jerusalem. Lk. 22:39-46 Sacrifice - Through death to life.

Introduction: When has the reality of Jesus' suffering for **your sin** overwhelmed you with gratitude?

I. The Place of Sacrifice: (vs. 39)

- A. Luke identifies the place of prayer as **the Mount of Olives**, while Mark is more specific speaking of **Gethsemane** (Mk. 14:32). What do you know about this place? (check a Bible Dictionary)
- B. What do you make of Luke's record that Jesus **went out as usual** and **his disciples followed him**?

II. The Warning to the Disciples: (vs. 40)

- A. Comment on Jesus' warning to **pray that you will not fall into temptation** in light of vs. 31-35?
- B. Is **temptation** equivalent to sin? What is the relationship? (see James 1:13-15)
- C. Comment on the following , with respect to both Jesus and the disciples, "The way to faithfulness in the midst of hostile rejection is a dependent spirit that communes with God." (Bock, pg. 1757)

III. The Example of Jesus - Agonizing in Prayer: (vs. 41-44)

- A. Why does Luke highlight that Jesus **withdrew . . . beyond them, knelt down** and prayed?
- B. Meditate on each component of Jesus' prayer and record your reflections as to its significance.
 - 1) Address: "Father,"
 - 2) Submission: "If you are willing. . ."
 - 3) Request: "Take this cup from me,"
 - 4) Qualification: "Yet not my will, but yours be done."
- C. Jesus refers to **this cup** in his prayer. What do you think it means? Check the following . . .
 - 1) Psalm 75:8
 - 2) Isaiah 51:17
 - 3) Mark 10:38-39
 - 4) Heb. 2:9
- D. We're told that **an angel appeared from heaven and strengthened him**. Why? (see Mk. 1:13)
- E. Read Heb. 5:7-10 as a comment on Jesus' agony recorded in vs. 44. Now complete the sentence, "Jesus anguish teaches me that . . ."

IV. The REPEATED Warning to the Disciples: (vs. 45-46)

- A. What reason is given for the disciples' failure? When have you failed in a similar way?
- B. Jesus repeat the warning, **pray so that you will not fall into temptation**. Though they will fail this time, the disciples will learn the lesson (see Acts 4:24-31). How can you apply this truth?