





- The Garden is the moment when Jesus' humanity wrestles with the expectation of the cross.

The Garden scene shows us the great agony that Jesus went through as He considered the work of the cross. It also shows us the great need for us to trust in the perfect will of our Heavenly Father.

I. Expected Response

- Jesus went to the Garden often with His disciples (John 18:1-2, Luke 22:39).
- Jesus asks the disciples to sit and pray while taking Peter, James, and John with Him.
- These men will witness the deepest agony of Jesus' soul.

I. Expected Response

- Jesus became **very distressed** and **troubled**.
 - these words convey that Jesus was feeling an uncertainty and anxiety, full of bewilderment and fear.

I. Expected Response

- The prospect of bearing God's wrath for the world's sins and experiencing separation from His Father grieved Jesus deeply.
- Jesus was engulfed in sorrow. The sorrow was so great that it threatened to crush out His life.

I. Expected Response

- Jesus did the only thing He could do under the great weight of stress...He prayed!

II. An Unusual Request

- Jesus asked that, if possible, He could escape the horror of the cross.
- His prayer begins with a unique term, "Abba! Father!"
 - "Abba" is an Aramaic word that means "daddy".

II. An Unusual Request

- The cup was a picture of judgment in the OT.
- Here, the holy and sinless one, in becoming identified with sinful men as their sin-bearer, would be the object of God's holy wrath against sin (2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 3:13).

II. An Unusual Request

- If you are waiting for God to answer in a specific way, maybe it's time you surrender to His will and see if He has already answered.

III. Tragic Selfishness

- Upon returning from prayer, Jesus found His disciples sleeping.
- Temptation can lead to sin if we are not prayerful and alert.
- In a moment of agony, Jesus requested the spiritual support of His friends and they let him down.

IV. An Unexpected Answer

- Jesus didn't receive the answer He requested.
- The Father ministered to the Son, as an angel was sent to strengthen Jesus.

Prayer Strengthens Us!

- Prayer needs to be fervent and persistent.
- Prayer that needs to submit to the will of God.
- Prayer enables one to face the cup that is given.