

Gospel of Mark: The King's Cross

Study 5: The Crushing of Christ

READ Mark 14:32-42 and **LISTEN** to the [sermon](#) by Pastor Craig.

Big idea: In the garden of Gethsemane Jesus is crushed by the imminent threat of the cross. Mark provides a striking portrait of His true humanity, faithfulness to the Father's will and love for His people.

1. What do you love about Jesus Christ? What delights you about how he reveals such an unexpectedly kind God?
2. What words would you use to describe the garden of Gethsemane scene? Explain each word.
3. What do you believe was in the cup that caused Jesus to be so distressed and troubled? See Ps 75:8; Jer 25:15-16; Is 53:4-5; Mk 10:45.
4. Jesus returned to His disciples three times with the command to watch and pray. How does this prove Jesus' tender love?

How does this produce the most serious of meditations and the most joyous of praise?

Have you been determined to pray, but you fell asleep? What causes this? How might you improve your ability to "stay awake and pray" (14:38)?

Read Luke 22:31 and 1 Peter 5:8. As you reflect upon Peter's actions in the garden against his later teaching, what warning do you receive?

5. Prayer can be a powerful weapon against temptation. What areas of your life need special prayer today? Share these with a spouse or a friend and find extra accountability and support.
6. Someone said, "If there is no Gethsemane, there is no Calvary. If there is no Calvary, there can be no empty tomb. And if there is no empty tomb, there is only hell for us." What does this mean and is it true?
7. Read Heb 4:15. How does the knowledge of Jesus' sufferings in the garden give you comfort in your trials and struggles today?

STOP AND PRAY:

Confess: to God for times you have followed your own will and not God's

Praise: Jesus for being obedient to the Father's will to suffer in your place

Pray: for a deeper love for and obedience to Jesus who suffered for you