

The Supremacy and Submission of God
and
the Betrayal, Abandonment and Denial of Friends 1/5/14

Last week: **The Preparation of Prayer and The Pain of God**

Matthew 26:36 Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to His disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

³⁷ And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and distressed.

³⁸ Then He said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me."

³⁹ And He went a little beyond *them*, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as Thou wilt."

⁴⁰ And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "So, you *men* could not keep watch with Me for one hour?"

⁴¹ "Keep watching and praying, that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

⁴² He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, "My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Thy will be done."

⁴³ And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.

⁴⁴ And He left them again, and went away and prayed a third time, saying the same thing once more.

⁴⁵ Then He came to the disciples, and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest?"

Behold, the hour is at hand and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.

⁴⁶ "Arise, let us be going; behold, the one who betrays Me is at hand!"

Today: **The Supremacy and Submission of God**
And the Betrayal, Abandonment and Denial of Friends

The Betrayal by a Friend

Matthew 27:47 And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, came up, accompanied by a great multitude with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and elders of the people.

⁴⁸ Now he who was betraying Him gave them a sign, saying, "Whomever I shall kiss, He is the one; seize Him."

⁴⁹ And immediately he went to Jesus and said, "Hail, Rabbi!" and kissed Him.

⁵⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you have come for." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and seized Him.

The Pre-denial by a Friend

⁵¹ And behold, one of those who were with Jesus reached and drew out his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

⁵² Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all those who take up the sword shall perish by the sword.

⁵³ "Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels?

⁵⁴ "How then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen this way?"

⁵⁵ At that time Jesus said to the multitudes, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me as against a robber? Every day I used to sit in the temple teaching and you did not seize Me.

⁵⁶ "But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled."

The Abandonment by Friends

Then all the disciples left Him and fled.

The Submission of God

⁵⁷ And those who had seized Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were gathered together.

⁵⁸ But Peter also was following Him at a distance as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and entered in, and sat down with the officers to see the outcome.

⁵⁹ Now the chief priests and the whole Council kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus, in order that they might put Him to death;

⁶⁰ and they did not find *any*, even though many false witnesses came forward. But later on two came forward,

⁶¹ and said, "This man stated, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to rebuild it in three days.'"

⁶² And the high priest stood up and said to Him, "Do You make no answer? What is it that these men are testifying against You?"

The Supremacy of God

⁶³ But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest said to Him, "I adjure You by the living God, that You tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God."

⁶⁴ Jesus said to him, "You have said it *yourself*; nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."

⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his robes, saying, "He has blasphemed! What further need do we have of witnesses? Behold, you have now heard the blasphemy;

⁶⁶ what do you think?" They answered and said, "He is deserving of death!"

⁶⁷ Then they spat in His face and beat Him with their fists; and others slapped Him,

⁶⁸ and said, "Prophecy to us, You Christ; who is the one who hit You?"

The Denial by a Friend

⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and a certain servant-girl came to him and said, "You too were with Jesus the Galilean."

⁷⁰ But he denied *it* before them all, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about."

⁷¹ And when he had gone out to the gateway, another *servant-girl* saw him and said to those who were there, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."

⁷² And again he denied *it* with an oath, "I do not know the man."

⁷³ And a little later the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Surely you too are *one* of them; for the way you talk gives you away."

⁷⁴ Then he began to curse and swear, "I do not know the man!" And immediately a cock crowed.

⁷⁵ And Peter remembered the word which Jesus had said, "Before a cock crows, you will deny Me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

27:1 Now when morning had come, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death;

² and they bound Him, and led Him away, and delivered Him up to Pilate the governor.

The Betrayal by a Friend

³ Then when Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that He had been condemned, he felt remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

⁴ saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See *to that* yourself!"

⁵ And he threw the pieces of silver into the sanctuary and departed; and he went away and hanged himself.

⁶ And the chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the temple treasury, since it is the price of blood."

⁷ And they counseled together and with the money bought the Potter's Field as a burial place for strangers.

⁸ For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day.

⁹ Then that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one whose price had been set by the sons of Israel;

¹⁰ and they gave them for the Potter's Field, as the Lord directed me."