

▼ **Jesus Faces The Coming Horror - Part 1**

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- **Read the Passage: Matthew 26:36-56**

▼ **Determine Sermon's Purpose (what listeners should do)**

- Understand the contrast between Jesus' past confidence and his current horror.
- Explore how it was so much more than pain and death that Jesus faced.
- Understand why Jesus wanted his disciples to see him in this condition and what they and we should learn from it.

▼ **Jesus then and now**

- ▼ Up until this point in his life Jesus has displayed nothing but confidence about his mission:

- Matthew 4:1-11
- Matthew 16:21-28
- John 17

- ▼ Now he changes:

- ▼ This experience is attested in all 3 synoptic gospels.

- Mark 14:32-51
- Luke 22:39-53
- Jesus recognized what was coming and asked the Father for a way out.
- Jesus agonized in prayer over what was coming.
- Jesus asked his inner circle to accompany him in prayer.

▼ **Jesus was facing more than physical pain and death.**

- ▼ Other Jewish leaders had faced death with boldness. Jesus was facing more than death and physical suffering.

- Zechariah - 2 Chronicles 24:17-22
- Stephen - Acts 7:54-60

- ▼ Jesus must have been troubled by something more than his impending physical suffering and death.

- Jesus body was the place where God condemned sin:
- Falling on a grenade.

- Embracing character assassination on social media.
- ▼ Investigating a serial killer.
 - John Edward Douglas
 - Scott Glenn as Jack Crawford in “Silence of the Lambs”.
- ▼ **Why did Jesus share this experience with his disciples and us?**
 - His closest disciples were of no use to him. They weren’t even able to pray effectively to overcome their own temptations.
 - ▼ Jesus lived a lifestyle of prayer.
 - Mark 1:35-38
 - Luke 5:15-16
 - Jesus still needed this extraordinary time of prayer in order to face the cross.
 - ▼ Some trials are only understandable if you’ve made an initial commitment:
 - ▼ Children
 - Illnesses, schooling, guidance
 - ▼ School
 - Exams, papers, financial aid, roommates
 - ▼ House
 - Mortgage, repairs, neighbors
 - ▼ Business
 - Payroll, hiring, firing, competition
 - ▼ What is our level of Kingdom commitment?
 - How intensely do you engage with Jesus’ experience at Gethsemane? What do you learn from it?
 - What impact does this incident have on your engagement with the rest of Matthew’s gospel?
 - Does your own life lead others to engage with Jesus’ experience? What might they learn from it?
- ▼ **Discussion Topics (meditate this week and discuss next Sunday):**
 - Why was the normally confident Jesus so horrified in Gethsemane?
 - What do we learn about Jesus from this story?
 - What do we learn about the Father from this story?
 - What do we learn about ourselves from this story?