Scripture: Mark 14:27-42

Setting the Stage (Map)

Jesus is walking the Last Mile before his arrest.

- · Under the light of a full moon Jesus gives final words (John 13-17)
- Exit at Eastern Gate (Goldens Gate / Beautiful Gate)

Mark's POV is Peters Recollection

Mark's POV is Jesus the suffering servant.

See-Through Suffering (Slide)

- JESUS SAW ALL
- JESUS SAW THE CROSS
- JESUS SAW THROUGH THE CROSS

Main Point (Slide)

- 1. Jesus willingly suffered to make us whole.
- 2. Jesus relates to us in our suffering.
- 3. Jesus is using all things for His greater purpose.

Conclusion

- 1. Jesus Defeated Gethsemane
- 2. Jesus Conquered Golgotha
- 3. Jesus Prevailed Over the Grave

Many here have prevailed through Suffering, Some of you are in the thick of it, we need one another. Holy Spirit open opportunity

Jesus Sees All (V.27-31)

27 "You will all <u>fall away</u>." Jesus told them, for it is written... "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered." (Zech 13:7) 28 But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.

29-30 (Peter the Sincere) Peter declared, "Even if all fall away, I will not..."Truly I tell you... tonight - before the rooster crows twice!!! You yourself will **DISOWN** me three times. **31 (Peter the Sincerely Stubborn)** "**insisted emphatically,** "**even if I have to die with you**... I will never disown." **The others said the same**.

Jesus Sees all Betrayal (19) | Denial (29) | Desertion (27)

• (Skandalizō) to be stumbled, to trip and fall, to be offended, enticed to sin, to distrust and desert one whom ought be trusted and obeyed, to be displeased and indignant.

Experiencing the D's: Disappointment, Discouragement, Distress, Despair etc.

- Disciples had left **EVERYTHING** to follow Jesus.
- Honor Shame Culture would compound their motions

28 But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.

You will be offended, get stumbled, fall, get discouraged, distraught, disappointed...BUT I WILL GO AHEAD OF YOU I WILL SEE YOU THROUGH... I'll MEET YOU ON THE OTHER SIDE!

- John 13-17 Records ALL Jesus words on the way to the garden :
- John 16:33 In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."
- Though sincerely, JESUS SEES, "A Spirit that is willing, and a flesh that is weak" (38).
- The Mercy of Jesus | Though Peter fell, Peter would be restored (See John 21:15-18)

Where are you? JESUS SEES!

- "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28
- · Doubtful, Discouraged, Distressed Despair?
- Have you fallen stumbled, are broken or frustrated?

Every Sunday Sermon Intentional | Invitation to Respond!

JESUS SEES ALL, AND JESUS WILL SEE YOU THROUGH!

Jesus Sees the Cross (v.32-36)

32 They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray."

(Slides) Gethsemane = Oil Press (Vivid Picture of What's Happening)

- In Mediterranean agricultural economy...Olive Oil was Liquid Gold.
- · Oil Press Process CLEANING, CRUSHING, PRESSING, EXTRACT

33 He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled.

- · Jesus showing an example of the need for companionship
- (Mark 9:2) Jesus revealing His complete nature in divinity and humanity

34 "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch."

<u>Jesus Sees the Cross... THE CUP = Eternal Separation (Is 51:17, 21, Jer 25:15, Rev 14:10)</u> <u>We are all made for Fellowship with God. It's all Jesus had known up to this point.</u>

35 Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. **36** "**Abba**, Father," he said, "**everything is possible** for you. **Take this cup** from me. **Yet not what I will but what you will**.

Christian virtue is not a matter of stoicism, but transparency, honesty, humility and faith.

What we Glean from the Prayer of Jesus:

1. An Example of Prayer

- Intimate : Abba | Confident : Everything is possible
- Honest: Take this cup | It Yields: Yet not what I will but what you will.
- Prayer is not bending God's will to us, but bending our will to His!

2. The Love of Jesus (For the Father & For Us!!!)

- The first Adam : God said Obey me to the Tree and You will Live
- The second Adam : God said, Obey me to the Tree and You will Die.
- God so love us he obeyed the will of the Father to save us!
- Separated so we can be embraced | Excluded for our Inclusion.

Isaiah 53:4-5 "Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed."

"There is only one God whose wounds can speak to your wounds"
-Tim Keller

Jesus Sees Through the Cross (V.37-42)

37 Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Simon," he said to Peter, "are you asleep? Couldn't you keep watch for one hour? 38 Watch and Pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Jesus to Peter: There is Power in Prayer

41 Returning the third time, he said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. 42 Rise! Let us Go! Here comes my betrayer!

Jesus went into Gethsemane SEEING the Cross... Jesus Came out of Gethsemane SEEING THROUGH the Cross

Matthew 26:39 - "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."

• If Possible, let this cup pass (parerchomai) - go away and be gone, as You will.

Matthew 26:42 - "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done."

• 'If this cup cannot pass away from me (apo emou) - cannot be separated from Me,... Your Will be done.

Jesus Sees through the Cross

• **Hebrews 12:2** For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

His Crushing and Pressing = A New Anointing

"God loves us, so He makes us the gift of suffering. Through suffering, we release our hold on the toys of this world, and know our true good lies in another world. We're like blocks of stone, out of which the sculptor carves the forms of men... The blows of his chisel, which hurt us so much, are what make us perfect. The suffering in this world is not the failure of God's love for us; it is that love in action. - C.S Lewis

Crushing Produces = Anointing (Grace, Compassion, Empathy)

Points to Remember Reminder

- 2 Corinthians 1:4 (God) comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.
- 2 Corinthians 4:17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.
- Psalm 27:13 I would have lost heart, unless I had believed That I would see the goodness of the Lord In the land of the living.

We all suffer, "Don't waste your suffering." The world is full of it, for Gods people there is grace, grace this world needs!!! Be conduits of His grace