

# Distress and Devotion

## Mark 14:32-42

### Into the Lesson:

Spend some time reading, or singing, the hymn referenced last week (V.26) from Psalms 115-118.

Are there any portions that you have heard sung as praise choruses or in other hymns?

If our Praise team were to put this entire passage to music as a choir cantata, how special would it be to include *Praise Dancers with streamers*?

### Into the Word:

Beginning at verse 29, read Mark 14:32-42 and consider how the Disciples never made the connection between *denial*, *betrayal* and *sleeping*.

Revisit Lane's examples of the humanity of Jesus:

Mark 10:13-16-

Mark 5:25-35-

Mark 11:15-18-

What are some of the other examples that point to the total humanity of Jesus?

After reading Philippians 2:6-8, spend some time contemplating the profound truth of Lane's statement, "*The infinite became finite and the Invisible became visible - Creator became Creation*"

After reading the following, consider How does Jesus' *Distress* further point to His total humanity?

John 14:9-10-

John 17:20-22-

John 18:1-2-

II Corinthians 5:21-

As Lane pointed out in Mark 8:31 none of this came as a surprise to Jesus. Of all that He was soon to experience, what would have been the greatest cause for distress?

Betrayal by a kiss-  
Abandonment-  
Mocking-  
Being spat upon-  
Scourging-  
Crown of Thorns-  
Crucifixion-  
Forsaken by His Father-

*And he said, "Abba, Father! All things are possible for you. Take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, not what I will, but what you will." Mark 14:36*

How is Jesus' "complete devotion" made evident and the fact that He came "not as a martyr but as a substitute" seen in the above verse

### Into Life:

How does the reality that the Disciples spent three years with Jesus but "just never seemed to get it" help you in your daily struggles to stay connected to the God of Creation?

How does the presence of the Holy Spirit help us in this endeavor?

Note the contrast between the following:

Acts 1:6 and 2:14-36

From Lane's statement< "He gave us the church - so we don't have to go through our own distresses alone" have an impact on our involvement in small groups or the "care ministry"?

### ***Matthew 28:18-20***

***Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup>Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."***

### This Week's Songs:

Heart Like You

Christ Be All Around Me

Your Will Be Done

Day By Day (Hymn #248)

Because Of Your Love

