

MAGNIFY

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The War Within

Matthew 26:36-46

Introduction: We've all had times when we knew what God wanted us to do but we didn't want to do it. So, what do we do with this?

How To Win the War Within (like Jesus did):

- We _____ with God. But HOW?
 - ⇒ Admit your _____.
 - ⇒ Ask for _____.
 - ⇒ Accept your _____.

- We _____ to God. But WHY?
 - ⇒ We _____ to Him. *"My Father..."*
 - ⇒ We trust His _____. *"If it is possible..."*
 - ⇒ We know that God never _____. *"For the joy set before Him"*

Conclusion: We will not go wrong surrendering to our God, even in our darkest moments. May we be faithful as Jesus was.

Week 3 Plan to "Make It Stick"

Day One: (This interaction take place on Tues. or Wed. of Passion Week)

-Read Matthew 26:6-13. (Jesus is Anointed at Bethany)

- ⇒ What do you imagine this woman's actions meant to Jesus?
- ⇒ Are the disciples' objections surprising in any way? Do we ever think of other people's sacrificial gifts to Jesus as a "waste"?

Day Two: (These interactions take place on Thursday of Passion Week)

-Read Matthew 26:14-25. (Jesus is grieved at Judas' coming betrayal)

- ⇒ What is going on in Judas's head? How can his conscience allow him to interact with Jesus considering what he has planned?
- ⇒ How has Jesus' mood shifted from earlier in Passion Week?

Day Three: (These interactions take place on Thursday of Passion Week)

-Read Matthew 26:26-29. (Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper)

- ⇒ Do you think the disciples understood what Jesus was doing here?
- ⇒ How does verse 29 tell you about what life will be like in the Father's kingdom?

Day Four: (These interactions take place on Thursday of Passion Week)

-Read Matthew 26:30-35. (Jesus laments Peter's impending denials)

- ⇒ Was Peter wrong to say what he said in verse 35? What should he have said or done instead?
- ⇒ What emotions do you expect that Jesus is feeling as he interacts with Peter and the disciples in this paragraph?

Day Five: (These interactions take place on Thursday of Passion Week)

-Read Matthew 26:40-41, 43-46.

- ⇒ Why does Jesus wake up Peter, James, and John? Isn't He the one that is being tempted, not them?
- ⇒ How is the Jesus of 26:45-46 different from the Jesus of 26:36-39? What made the difference, do you think?