

Sermon Text: Matthew 26:36-46

Looking toward the cross, Jesus experiences overwhelming anguish and distress

Matthew 26:36-37

1 Peter 1:6-7

In deep sorrow, Jesus looks to his closest friends for comfort and partnership

Matthew 26:37-38

Seeing the agony of the cross, Jesus genuinely asks for another way to fulfill God's will

Matthew 26:39

Yet, he humbles himself and submits to the Father.

Matthew 26:39

Hebrews 5:7-9

Hebrews 4:14-16

All the while, his disciples sleep; ignorant of the looming danger.

Matthew 26:40-41

1 Peter 1:13

1 Peter 4:7-8

1 Peter 5:-8-9

Jesus prays two more times, further resolved to obey God, while the disciples sleep

Matthew 26:42-44

Romans 5:18-19

“My will, not thine, be done,” turned Paradise into a desert. “Thy will, not mine be done,” turned the desert into Paradise, and made Gethsemane the gate of heaven. (E. de Pressensé, D.D.)

Jesus moves toward danger to be mocked, beaten, and crucified by the people he came to save

Matthew 26:45-46

2 Corinthians 5:21