



## **JUST JESUS: A Journey Through Mark** **PART 58 - 14:32 - 36**

### **The Oil Press**

**READ:** Mark 14:32 AND 2 Samuel 15:23

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- 1) Why is the name "Gethsemane" ("oil press") such an appropriate setting for what Jesus is about to experience?
- 2) In what ways does David's sorrowful journey across the Kidron Valley help us better understand Jesus as the greater Son of David?
- 3) Pastor Greg said, "Peter responds to pressure by arguing with God. Jesus responds to pressure by praying to God. Peter thinks courage comes from determination. Jesus knows courage comes through surrender." What stands out to you most about that contrast?
- 4) When pressure enters your life, are you more likely to rely on your own determination or to surrender the situation to God in prayer? Why?

### **The Savior Who Understands**

**READ:** Mark 14:33-34 AND Hebrews 4:15-16

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- 1) What do Jesus' words, "My soul is deeply grieved to the point of death," reveal about His humanity?
- 2) Why do you think Jesus invited Peter, James, and John to accompany Him deeper into the garden instead of facing this moment completely alone?
- 3) Pastor Greg said, "The most spiritually mature person who ever lived openly acknowledged His grief." How does that challenge the way many Christians think about expressing pain and weakness?
- 4) How does knowing that Jesus personally understands grief, anguish, and overwhelming pressure encourage you in your own struggles?

### **The Honest Prayer of Faith**

**READ:** Mark 14:35-36a AND Psalm 42:1-5

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- 1) What do you learn about prayer from the way Jesus honestly expresses His heart to the Father in Gethsemane?
- 2) According to the sermon, what does "the cup" represent, and why does understanding its Old Testament background deepen your appreciation of Jesus' sacrifice?
- 3) Pastor Greg said, "Faith is not the absence of struggle. Faith is bringing your struggle honestly before God." What does that look like in everyday life?
- 4) Is there an area of your life where you've been reluctant to honestly pour out your heart to God? What keeps you from doing so?

### **Not My Will, But Yours**

**READ:** Mark 14:36 AND Romans 5:12-19

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- 1) How does Paul's comparison between Adam and Christ help us understand why Gethsemane was such a pivotal moment in God's plan of redemption?
- 2) What does Jesus' prayer, "Not what I will, but what You will," teach us about true submission to the Father's will?
- 3) Pastor Greg said, "The Father's will is not our enemy." How does Jesus' death and resurrection help you trust that statement, even during difficult seasons?

4) Every believer eventually experiences a "Gethsemane" season. What burden are you currently carrying, and how can this group pray with you as you seek to trust your Abba through it?