

Empty: Does Anyone Understand Me?

Matthew 26:36-45

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." ³⁹Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." ⁴⁰Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. ⁴¹"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak." ⁴²He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done." ⁴³When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. ⁴⁵Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

† God in his _____ allows us to see Jesus in his _____.

John 1:14a

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

Colossians 2:9

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,

† Christ's divinity confounds our _____ while Jesus' humanity captures our _____.

A Savior Who Sympathizes

1. Jesus suffered _____

† God allowed Christ to be well acquainted with _____ so he could be well acquainted with _____.

Isaiah 53:3

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

2. Jesus suffered _____

Luke 22:44

And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

† Christ's willingness to endure ultimate physical pain changed the _____ on all future physical pain.

3. Jesus suffered _____

† Christ's willingness to experience ultimate _____ ensures we will never have to.

4. Jesus suffered _____

† Christ's willingness to suffer rejection has led to our _____.

5. Jesus suffered _____

† Christ's victory in the garden shows us that faith is _____ in God's future _____.

Hebrews 12:2

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 4:14-16

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. ¹⁶Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

† Faith starts with an understanding of Christ as _____ but it grows into an understanding of Christ as my _____.