

Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#91 – “Drinking the Cup of Bitter Brew” – Luke 22:39-46

I. Introduction

A. Noting times when you have faced sheer dread

1. Pastor Don’s experience
2. A description of dread
 - a. Philip Ryken
 - b. John MacArthur

B. Today’s text – Luke 22:39-46

II. Exposition

A. Luke 22:39

1. Gethsemane as a place of retreat – Luke 21:37

B. Luke 22:40-41

1. Focus is on prayer – Matthew 26:36-37

C. Luke 22:42-44

1. A new level of aloneness for Jesus
2. Disciples asleep – God does great things while man sleeps
 - a. Genesis 15:12-21
3. “Agony”, verse 44
 - a. Jonathan Edwards
4. Jesus wrestling with the will of God, verse 42
 - a. At the beginning of His ministry – an opportunity to avoid the cross – Luke 4:5-8
 - b. At the end of His ministry (Luke 22:42-44) the same question arises.

5. Jesus is fully God and fully man.

6. “Droplets of blood”

a. Jesus is sorrowful to the point of death.

1. Mark 4:13-34; Matt. 26:38

7. It was not a case of death on the cross, but rather the suffering for sin. – Heb. 10:30-31.

8. “The cup,” verse 42

a. Familiar Old Testament language – Ps. 23:5; 11:6;

Ezekiel 23:33-34; Jeremiah 25:15

b. Geldenhuys

9. An angel was sent to strengthen Him, verse 43.

D. Luke 22:45-46

1. Men asleep at the wheel while Jesus prayed more fervently.

III. Points for Reflection

A. Jesus drank “the bitter brew” of God’s judgment.

1. Num. 5:11-31; Isaiah 51:17; Eze. 23:30-34; Rev. 14:9-10

B. The New Covenant is all about blood.

1. Luke 22:44; John 19:34

C. The cross for Jesus is about submission to God. The same is true for us.

1. Lk 22:40; 9:23; 14:27; Job 1:20-22; I Sam 1:13; Ps. 50:15;
II Kgs 19:14, 17-19; II Chron. 20:6-12; Jas 5:13; Lk 22:42;
Jn 12:27

D. Suffering, struggle and submission to God.