



**Series:** Unexpected Messiah

**Passage** Matthew 26:31-46

**Title:** Victory at Gethsemane – Obedience Under Agony

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**Discussion Starter** – What are some of the meaningful things you see being revealed in this place called Gethsemane?

**Jesus Foretells Peter's Denial** (Matthew 26:31-35)

- In the context of verse 31, what does it mean to stumble? How might we stumble today?
- What is the good news from Jesus we see in this section of scripture?
- What is the spiritual truth we observe about ourselves from this encounter by how Peter responds to Jesus?

**Jesus Prays in Gethsemane** (Matthew 26:36-46)

- Why did Jesus need to get alone with God? If He is God why does He even need to pray?
- Why is this considered the most critical time in human history, and what can we learn from what we see Jesus doing at this moment of time?
- What was the cup that Jesus was praying about to the Father? Could the cup have passed for Jesus? How do you support your assertions?
- Read Luke 22:42-44 and 2 Corinthians 5:21. What do these verses reveal about the agony Jesus was experiencing at this time?
- What truth are we reminded of here as we see that the disciples were not able to keep from falling asleep in Jesus' most urgent hour of distress?
- Explain why for the first time in all eternity the Trinity was conflicted?
- Why was our salvation contingent upon Jesus obediently going to the cross?
- Why are our life Gethsemane trials in our own lives so important?