

Praying with Jesus in the Cul-de-sac of Gethsemane (Matt 26:36–46)
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Introduction:

- A. The shadow of the cross loomed over every detail of Jesus' life
 - B. The shadow of the cross brought him to times of sorrow and trouble
 - C. What can we learn from the Son of God concerning prayer?
- I. When Jesus was sorrowful and troubled, He was transparent with his brethren (vv. 37–38)
- A. He was the Son of God who needed to be strong for his disciples
 - B. Yet, He was the Son of Man who had real, raw human emotions (Jn 11:32–33, 35)
 - C. He was transparent as the God Man
 - D. What can we learn from Jesus?
- II. While in the cul-de-sac of sorrow and trouble, He looked up (v. 39)
- A. Do you feel like sometimes in life you've been chased into a cul-de-sac from which there is no way out?
 - B. In a moment of sorrow and trouble, Jesus looked up (v. 39)
 - C. We should look up in those moments where there is no human way out
 - D. It is in those times that we have a choice (Ps 56:1–4, 8–9)
 - 1. Wallow in our own self-pity
 - 2. Prognosticate of what might happen with no divine authority to substantiate
 - 3. Let the Sovereign God turn your disorientation to reorientation
 - E. You desire sovereignty!
- III. Prayer is primarily for the purpose of aligning our wills with our Father in Heaven (v. 39, 42)
- A. Jesus prayed the same thing three times
 - B. Conformity to the Father's will is the point of prayer
 - C. Persistence is key in prayer
- IV. Jesus is interceding for you in prayer to the Father even now (Heb 7:25).