

## HOME CHURCH SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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# Last Days

Gethsemane - Facing the Cross Before the Cross

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### WARM-UP

What is the most sad and grief filled situation you have ever had to face?  
How did you react physically and emotionally in the stress of waiting for the inevitable to happen?

1. From our passage list the ways having to drink “the cup” affected Jesus physically and emotionally.

2. What was INSIDE the cup to make it such a double nightmare to Jesus’ soul? Hab. 2:15-16, Is. 51:17. Is 53:4-6 and 2 Cor 5:21. Discuss your answer.

3. Jesus’ best friends failed Him in His most desperate and lonely hour. Who looked the calmest, - the resting disciples or agonizing Jesus? Why then did they fail and Jesus not?

What are the places in your life right now where you are tempted to be “physically present but spiritually unaware”?

BRAD BELL

Some see Jesus in agony in prayer and scoff, that if He is acting like this in prayer what is He going to do when the real battle comes? **To Jesus prayer WAS the real battle** that is why later He will stand, and others fall away.

Paraphrase from Hadden Robinson

4. The angel came because of the Lord’s first agonizing prayer. Cf. also Lk 22:42-44. What was the end result of Jesus’ continued prayers to the Father? V 46

5. How does the perseverance of Jesus to do all God’s will fit Him to be our great and sympathetic high priest? Read Heb. 5:7, 4:14-16, and 7:24-26. Take a moment as a group and express to the Lord in short sentence prayers your gratitude and awe for His amazing grace and loving loyalty.

### CONCLUDING CHALLENGE

Evidence that we believe we have a faithful sympathetic high priest who understands our heart break, painful loneliness, and crushing sorrow is that we actually go to Him in prayer.

What do you need to take to Him right now? Go to Him.

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