
Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled.³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

³⁹ Going 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."

⁴⁰ Then 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."

⁴² He 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."

⁴³ When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy.

⁴⁴ So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

v. 39 ... "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

Conclusion

Mark 8:35 (RSV) For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it.

John 13:14 (RSV) If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

Only when we give Him our supreme allegiance
will we find what we need most from Him.

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The "Inconvenience" of the Incarnation

An Inconvenient Christmas – Part 3

Philippians 2:6-8

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God becomes a human being

Philippians 2:6 Who, being in very nature God, ...

...did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,

⁷ but made himself nothing...

taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, ...

he humbled himself...

and became obedient to death—

...even death on a cross!

He was “made like us in every respect...He understands our need.

Hebrews 2:17 (RSV) Therefore he had to be made like his brethren in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make expiation for the sins of the people.

Expiation-

He understands what we go through in our temptations

Heb. 2:18 (RSV) ...because he himself has suffered and been tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.

Matthew 4:2 (RSV) And Jesus fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

⁴ But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

*⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple,
⁶ and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will give his angels charge of you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"*

⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'"

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them; ⁹ and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Begone, Satan! for it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and ministered to him.

He understands what we go through in our difficulties

Hebrews 4:15 (RSV) For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Matthew 26:56 But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Luke 9:58 Foxes have holes and birds have nests but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.

Matthew 27:46 About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"--which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Psalms 34:18 (RSV) The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.

We gladly surrender to a surrendered Jesus

Matthew 26:36 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." ³⁷ He took Peter and the two sons of
