# PREPARING FOR THE DIFFICULT SEASONS IN LIFE

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### INTRODUCTION

- •Jesus enters the garden of Gethsemane
- Death for Jesus Christ was different than death for other people

## INTRODUCTION CONT'D

- •In death Jesus took all the sins of the world upon him:
- •1. Accepted the verdict of guilty for every person
- 2. Accepted the penalty and punishment of death for every person

#### WHAT WE DISCOVER IN THE TEXT

- 1. Background: Christ entered the Garden of Gethsemane (vs.36-37).
- •2. He suffered—agonizing grief and pain (vs. 37-38
- •3. He turned to God—crying (vs. 39).

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- 4. He Stood alone—neglected by His closest friends (vs. 40-41).
- 5. He continued to pray—agonizing for release (vs. 42-44).
- 6. He received release –great peace and courage (vs. 45-46).

## THREE POINTS WE LEARN FROM JESUS IN THE GARDEN

•1. Jesus Had a Significant Prayer Life—We can't wait until we encounter our difficult season to discover our prayer life. (Luke 18:1).

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•2. We All Need a Garden—which is a private spot where we can get all alone with God in times of great trials.

# TWO THINGS ARE ESSENTIAL WHEN WE FACE A DESPERATE HOUR OF NEED

- A.) Withdrawal, getting all alone in some private spot with God.
- •B.) Praying and sharing our need with God.

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- 3. When we are struggling in our Crisis we still must be concerned for others as Christ Was. (Vs. 41-42).
- Jesus said "My Soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death, tarry here, and watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation;