SERMON
NOTES

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The Jesus We Never Knew

"A wake-up call - don't let the sufferings of Christ go right over your head"

Mark 14: 32-42

- The expression of the Saviour's grief

- The explanation for the Saviour's grief

- The effects of the Saviour's grief … on the disciples

Gethsemane

[32] They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." [33] He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. [34] "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch."

[35] Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. [36] "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

[37] Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Simon," he said to Peter, "are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? [38] Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

[39] Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. [40] When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him.

[41] Returning the third time, he said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. [42] Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

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Questions for personal or small group study and reflection:

1. What was the significance of the name 'Gethsemane' ('oil press')?

2. How does Hebrews 5:7-10 help to shed light on nature of Jesus' suffering in Gethsemane?

3. How does the human will of the Man Jesus relate to the will of the Father?

4. What is the significance of the title 'Abba' which Jesus uses when speaking to His Father?

5. How sympathetic are you with the fact that the disciples slept through Jesus' agony?

6. What does it mean to enter the fellowship of Christ's suffering (Philippians 3:10) now?