

162 "Night, with Ebon Pinion"

Mt. 26:36-46

Mark 14:32-42

Luke 22:39-44

- I) Jesus, at night, in agony in the Garden
- A) What is Ebon Pinion?
 - 1) Ebon = having the characteristics of ebony; dark, deep black
 - 2) Pinion = The wing of a bird
 - B) What does it mean, "brooded o'er the vale"?
 - 1) Brooded = to hover envelopingly, loom
 - 2) The valley Kidron was just west of the Garden and easily seen
 - 3) Lk. 22 places them at Mt. Olives, yet Mark and Matthew place them in Gethsemane. Both are true. They were at the foot of Mt. Olivet, at a place (estate-Mk. 14:32) called Gethsemane (an oil mat, or oil press)
 - C) We see Jesus in emotional agony and anguish
 - 1) Lk. 22:44 – Was sweating as great drops of blood
 - 2) Mark 14:33 – troubled and deeply distressed
 - 3) Mark 14:34 – Soul is exceedingly sorrowful
 - 4) Prostrate - to cast (oneself) face down on the ground in humility, submission
 - (a) MT. 26:39; Mk. 14:35
- II) Jesus alone in the Garden
- A) He was smitten for offenses which were not His own
 - 1) He was to be accused of things of which He was not guilty
 - B) Because of what He was to accomplish, He had to suffer alone
 - 1) He was to take on the sins of the world – He could have no help in this
 - 2) No hand to help, no friend with words to comfort
 - (a) Lk. 22:43 – An angel did appear strengthening Him, but there were no human friends to help
 - C) When faced with this trial and such deep agony, He turned to His father in prayer
- III) Jesus in prayer in the Garden
- A) Abba – is a personal name, revealing the relationship of father to son.
 - 1) It represents a deep and unreasoning trust
 - B) Let this cup pass from me –
 - 1) If there had been any other way, Jesus was asking to allow that way to be used, rather than the way which lead to His cruel death
 - C) Despite what awaited Him, He wanted to fulfill His father's will
 - 1) See the trust and understanding of Jesus submitting Himself to the Father's will.