

**Valley Bible Church  
Sermon Notes for May 8, 1988**

**Garden of Gethsemane  
Part 1  
Matthew 26:36-46  
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Introduction: The Bible does not record one instance of Jesus laughing; it does however record many instances of Him in sorrow or weeping. Jesus came to earth to die.

Jesus is in His time of ultimate crisis. How does He respond? This passage shows the humanness of Christ. It also shows the example of Jesus in crisis being in fervent prayer.

Christ here is the epitome of anguish and distress. The grief is so overwhelming in Christ that He feels it is to “the point of death.”

Jesus, Holy God never having been connected with sin, is going to become sin, going to take on the sin of the world.

Jesus falls on His face and remains prostrate praying, “My Father, if it be possible...” God had the ability to let the death on the cross, the wrath of God coming upon Jesus to not happen but this was not the design.

Christ here is in no way in rebellion to God the Father. He is in anguish and in anguish says, “yet not as I will but as thou wilt.”