

## **THE WORLDS GREATEST BATTLEGROUND**

**MATTHEW 26:36**

36 ¶ Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

**MATTHEW 26:37**

37 And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.

**MATTHEW 26:38**

38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

**MATTHEW 26:39**

39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

**MATTHEW 26:40**

40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?

**MATTHEW 26:41**

41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

**MATTHEW 26:42**

42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

**MATTHEW 26:43**

43 And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy.

MATTHEW 26:44

44 And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

MATTHEW 26:45

45 Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

MATTHEW 26:46

46 Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.

DESPERATIONS\_ JEFF.IN V-4 N-1 SUNDAY\_ 63-0901E

126 Our dear Lord Jesus, Himself, in **The World's Greatest Battleground, Gethsemane**, He cried out, in despair. Should He take the sins of the world, or should He just remain on earth with His beloved disciples, what He wanted to do? But watch His humility as He humbled Himself, "Not My will but Thine be done," humbled Himself to the Word, the promised Word of the God of Heaven.

Notice, then, He went a little further. And if He went a little farther, how much more ought we to go a little farther. See? And notice, the Scripture says here, in Luke, that He prayed earnestly. Brother, sister, if Jesus had to pray earnestly, how much more have we got to pray earnestly. If Christ, the God of Heaven, made flesh, had to pray earnestly, then how much more are we, sinners saved by grace, pray earnestly! If--if the decision throwed the Son of God into despair, what will it do to you and I? Desperately we must cry.

→ GETHSEMANE..... IS THE PLACE OF PRESSING !!!!

IT'S THE PLACE OF SQUEEZING

THAT'S WHAT GETHSEMANE MEANS: THE PLACE OF CONSTRICTION

Gethsemane meaning "an oil press",

IT.IS.THE.RISING.OF.THE.SUN\_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-12 SUNDAY\_ 65-0418M

241 The Spirit left Him, in the Garden of Gethsemane. He had to die, a man.

ADOPTION.2\_ JEFF.IN AD.2 WEDNESDAY\_ 60-0518

In the Garden of Gethsemane, the anointing left Him, you know, He had to die as a sinner. He died a sinner, you know that; not His sins, but mine and yours

CONFERENCES\_ BLOOMINGTON.IL MONDAY\_ 61-0410

E-74 Let's get to another one. It's called the Gethsemane conference. There was a terrible conference. He didn't have to die a young man. He didn't have to do it.

CONFERENCE\_ SHREVEPORT.LA FRIDAY\_ 60-1125E-43

He came to Gethsemane, and Father had to check up to see if He really wanted to go through it or not.

CONFERENCES PHOENIX.AZ SUNDAY 60-0228

Jesus was brought Himself to a decision. And before going to Calvary, the Father brought His own Son into conference in Gethsemane, while Angels taking their positions, to see what the decision would be.

Oh, it might not have been this way, but let's think maybe it was. I can hear Him say, "Son, do You desire to go on to Calvary? There's a band waiting for You; there's persecution; there's death and murder laying in the way. There's exposure of Your own body; they'll strip the clothes off of You; they'll beat You into pulp. They'll pull a crown of thorns over your head, **and You'll die screaming for mercy. Should You go on ?**"

MATTHEW 26:39

39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me:

THE.COMMUNION\_ JEFF.IN ER 21-34 THURSDAY\_ 57-0418

And that's the way He does you and I just before the great battle of life starts, before the great battle of right and wrong begins to battle within us, God brings us to a Gethsemane.

➤ THE.COMMUNION\_ JEFF.IN ER 21-34 THURSDAY\_ 57-0418

**29 Now, if God did not spare His Own Son from the cruel testing, then He will not spare you or I from the cruel testing. And Jesus was here confronting the greatest test that He had ever had. Gethsemane laid just before Him, where that once and final all-sufficient test must come, when the burdens of the entire world**

laid upon His blessed shoulders. There was no one in all heavens or earth could ever stand it but Him. And to know that all of the sins, of past sins, and present sins, and future sins, rested upon this decision. And it was one of the most greatest victories that Christ ever won or proved His great Messiahship, as when He said to God, "Not My will; Thine be done." That was the greatest victory He had ever won. All the demons of torment was around to tempt Him and try Him.

THE.COMMUNION\_ JEFF.IN ER 21-34 THURSDAY\_ 57-0418

32 I do not wish to bring my ownself into some experience. But just as it comes on my mind, I remember the great and final test that I had of my Christian experience. It was yonder in the hospital out here on Spring Hill when my wife was laying in the morgue down here, a corpse, and she had just moved out of this life to be with God.

But my great hour of testing come when the Doctor Adair (that I rehearsed it to him yesterday in the hospital when we set together), and when he come down the hall to meet me and took me by the hand and said, "Billy, your baby is dying, and there's not a chance for it to live. It's got tubercular meningitis." I said, "Surely not, Doctor." And its mother laying, a corpse.

THE.COMMUNION\_ JEFF.IN ER 21-34 THURSDAY\_ 57-0418

33 And I'd go in. He said, "Just come with me." And we went to the laboratory, and there he picked up a little glass tube and he shook it. And there seemed to be a streak in it. He said, "That is the meningitis germ and it's in the baby. We drew this from the spine to release the spasm." And he said, "In this we find that it's tubercular meningitis." Said, "It nursed it from its mother." And said, "If that baby should live, it would be crippled, afflicted." But he said, "By the mercies of God, the baby is going to be with its mother."

I said, "Doctor, I want to see the baby."

He said, "You can't do it, Billy, because of Billy Paul, your boy." Said, "You would pack the germ back to him."

THE.COMMUNION\_ JEFF.IN ER 21-34 THURSDAY\_ 57-0418

35 And after trying to encourage me the best that he knew how, when he left the building, I slipped around and went down into the basement. And when I got there, the hospital at that time wasn't fixed as it is now, and the window was up and the screen was out, and some flies had got into the little fellow's eyes. And I shooed the flies away and looked down at her little body, all drawn, and her little legs moving back and forth. And I said to her, "Sherry, honey, do you know daddy?"

And it seemed like that she was trying to wave her little hand to me: about eight or nine months old. And I looked at her. And she was suffering so hard, a little innocent baby, until one of her little baby-blue eyes crossed. So much pain, oh, I would've took it at any time in her stead.

THE.COMMUNION\_ JEFF.IN ER 21-34 THURSDAY\_ 57-0418

37 And I knelt down on my knees with the doors closed, and I said, "O God, Father, there lays my wife, the baby's mother laying yonder in the undertaker's morgue. There's Billy Paul on the bed, sick. And here's my baby, dying. You surely, Lord, won't take her. I love her. And she resembles her mother. I want to raise her. Won't You please, O God, spare my baby's life?"

And as I looked up... And as you all know, I've always been subject to visions. It seemed like a black sheet begin to unfold, coming down, as if God took my prayer and threw it right back in my face. And I said, "What have I done, God? Have I transgressed Your laws, that I should have this punishment? If it is, You just reveal it, and I'll repent. I'll do anything, but don't take my baby." And I seen she was going anyhow. I raised up.

THE.COMMUNION\_ JEFF.IN ER 21-34 THURSDAY\_ 57-0418

39 And then the tempter came to me. **There was the one time in all my life that I can call, was the crucial moment, my Gethsemane.** When I was just barely holding to the bed, the devil said, "There you are. That's the reward for trying to serve Him. You mean that He'll take that young twenty-two-year-old mother, and lay her yonder as a corpse in the morgue, and will take the precious baby, your own flesh and blood, and slam your prayer right in your face? And then you mean to say that you'll serve Him?"

**I was standing between opinions. It had to be decided.** Then I put my hand over on her little head; I said, "The Lord gave, and the Lord takes away; blessed be the Name of the Lord." I felt relief.

I said, "Sherry, honey, daddy cannot go where you are now, but daddy can come someday. I'll lay you on the arm of mother and bury you, but daddy will see you again someday."

➤ THAT.DAY.ON.CALVARY\_ JEFF.IN V-2 N-5 SUNDAY\_ 60-0925

10-6 God had required it. No man was worthy. No man was able. No man could do it. And God came Himself, and was made human, and lived a human life under human desires, and was crucified at Calvary and there, when Satan thought He wouldn't do it, He wouldn't go through it... He went to Gethsemane, and every temptation that any man ever stood; He went through it just like all men

➤ CONFERENCE\_ SHREVEPORT.LA FRIDAY\_ 60-1125

When He led His disciples, and they all got sleepy, and laid down and went to sleep, but Jesus went just a little farther. He always does that. You just go part of the way and watch Him go a little further, all the way. He's ahead of you all the time, making the way. He went just a little further, and when He got out there, he knelt down by the side of a rock.

CONFERENCE\_ SHREVEPORT.LA FRIDAY\_ 60-1125

E-44 Let's just think. I can see Gabriel come down, His great sword standing by His side. I can see Woodworm. I can see the other great Angels lighting on the rocks around. What was it? A conference table being set.



Then that Holy Spirit of God, as we see on the picture of Gethsemane, that Light, which God is Light, El Elohim, the self existing One, when He came down into His Presence. "Do you want to go through with this, Son?" What? The Angels are listening. "What's going to be the result? The whole world lays upon Your shoulder. Do You want to pay the price, or what do You want to do? You can come right on now without death. There lays Calvary before you. There they'll spit in Your face, and they'll take You to Calvary, all these things. You'll die in agony with the crown of thorns on Your head, and Your Blood will drain out. Are You willing?"

THE.COMMUNION\_ JEFF.IN ER 21-34 THURSDAY\_ 57-0418

29 Now, if God did not spare His Own Son from the cruel testing, then He will not spare you or I from the cruel testing. And Jesus was here confronting the greatest test that He had ever had. Gethsemane laid just before Him, **where that once and final all-sufficient test must come**, when the burdens of the entire world laid upon His blessed shoulders. There was no one in all heavens or earth could ever stand it but Him. And to know that all of the sins, of past sins, and present sins, and future sins, rested upon this decision. **And it was one of the most greatest victories that Christ ever won or proved His great Messiahship, as when He said to God, "Not My will; Thine be done."** **That was the greatest victory He had ever won. All the demons of torment was around to tempt Him and try Him.**