

Outline – March 21, 2021
Luke 22:41-44; Psalm 22:1-2, 7-9, 14-18; Matthew 27:46
“The Prophecy And Pain Of The Cross”

The Agony Of Jesus Before The Crucifixion

- I. **The prayer request**
 - A. “Remove this cup”
 - 1. Cup of sin
 - 2. Cup of death
 - 3. Cup of abandonment
 - B. The agony
 - 1. Praying fervently
 - 2. Sweating drops of blood

- II. **What was the cause of such agony?**
 - A. Was it the loss and betrayal of friends?
 - 1. Judas’s betrayal
 - 2. Peter’s denial
 - 3. The scattering of His disciples
 - B. Was it the end of ministry and life?
 - 1. Concluding the work
 - 2. The author of life facing death
 - C. Was it facing the pain of the cross?

- III. **The pain (cruelty of the cross)**
 - A. The cross (crucifixion)
 - 1. Invented by Persians
 - 2. Used by the Romans
 - 3. Designed extend, maximize pain, suffering and torture
 - 4. Impacts every physiological system - neurological, pulmonological, cardiac psychological, skeletal, etc.
 - 5. Began with scourging, carrying the cross, nailed to the cross, suspended on the cross
 - 6. Death by asphyxiation
 - 7. Jesus died of myocardial rupture (broken heart)
 - 8. Flowing of blood and water
 - 9. Pierced
 - 10. “Not a bone shall be broken” John 19:36, Exodus 12:46, Numbers 9:12

IV. The abandonment

- A. The cry "My God, My God Why Have Thou Forsaken Me"
- B. The disconnect, the detachment
- C. What that means
- D. Why did that happen?
 1. He who knew no sin, became sin
 2. For God so loved the world
 3. So, you would never be abandoned
- E. The worst thing to occur is to be abandoned by God
- F. Jesus was abandoned by God and humanity

So, We Could Be Accepted, Forgiven, Adopted

-Why-

**Because God So Loves You.
He Gave His Only Begotten Son**