

Are We Honoring Jesus as Lord – Part 14: Luke 22:39-42 ESV

Jesus Did the Father's Will; Believers Do Jesus' Will!

Services: Friday, March 25, 2016 at 11 AM & 7 PM

Church Year: Good Friday

Easter: Service 7 AM; Breakfast 8:30; Classes 9:30; Service 10:45

Introduction: Dear friends in Christ: The Son of God knew what was coming: †betrayal, †abandonment, †arrest, †trials, †mocking, †beatings, and †crucifixion; **then** *the reception of all sin and the eternal punishment for all sin!*

All of those realities filled Jesus' mind as He left the upper room on Good Friday [*thus, Thursday, about 10 PM*]. The Bible records that ³⁹ ... [Jesus] came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the [eleven] disciples followed him [*but Judas was already in the process of betraying him*].

1. **Much Fear, Much Temptation:** ⁴⁰ And when [Jesus] came to the place [*that is, the Garden of Gethsemane*], he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." // So what makes us vulnerable to temptation?
 - a. Our lives might be in danger: Imagine being in a situation where people *need to hear God's truth*, yet *the possibility of persecution is high*. What should we do? Keep quiet; no! Jesus said to those who followed Him, "You are the light of

the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden" (Mt. 5:14 NAS). *Believers will be seen and heard!*

- b. We are tempted to run away: Sometimes we can be *so full of fear* that we feel like we need to run! But what are we forgetting? †Jesus is God; †Jesus knows our situation; †Jesus knows our needs; †Jesus is always able to help us; and †Jesus wants us to *say His words and do His will no matter what!*

2. **Much Trust, Much Obedience:** ⁴¹ **And [Jesus] withdrew from them** [that is, from Peter, James, and John] **about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed,** ⁴² **saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup [of suffering and death] from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done."** // Jesus may have thought in these ways:

- a. I know the Father's will is best: "†Yes, it is extreme! †Yes, it will be very painful! †Yes, it will appear to most that I am losing! Nevertheless, *I am completely confident in God the Father and His plan for My life!*" Therefore:
- b. I want to obey Him, no matter what: Jesus is the Son of God in human flesh, so He knew exactly †what to say, †what to do, and †why; **then He did!** But for us, *we don't always understand*. So we can become like young children by asking, "Why?" "Why?" "Why?" Instead, God is calling us to *gladly hear His Word and faithfully follow it – even when it doesn't make sense!*

3. **Believers Don't Shrink Back:** Instead:

- a. We believe the Bible is true!
- b. We are sorry for breaking God's laws!
- c. We believe Jesus took our sin and punishment!
- d. We are trusting in Jesus as our Savior and Lord!
- e. We desire to obey whatever Jesus said!

Conclusion: These are the final words of Hebrews chapter 10; may they challenge us to go forward with courage to honor our Lord Jesus Christ: ³⁵ “...do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. ³⁶ For **you have need of endurance**, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised [so don't miss out on the wonder things God has for you]. ³⁷ For, “Yet a little while, and the coming one [that is, our Lord Jesus Christ] will come and will not delay; ³⁸ but my righteous one [thus, he who knows Jesus as Savior and Lord] shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.” ³⁹ **But** we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls” (Hebrews 10:35-39 ESV).

Let us pray: Dear Lord Jesus, we are in awe of what You did for us in obedience to Your Father. Now, *as we are eternally blessed through You*, move us to ever-trust in You as our only Savior and gladly honor You as our only Lord! In Your holy name, we pray! Amen!