

## Jesus' Prayer & Betrayal in Gethsemane

Luke 22:39-53; cf. Matt 26:31-56

- 1) Theology of the passage: what does it teach about God?
  - a) He knows the future; He is sovereign
  - b) He is merciful to those whose love for Him is superficial
  - c) In His humanity, He feared His Father's wrath
  - d) In His humanity, He prayed to His Father
  - e) He hears all prayers, though sometimes He says NO
  - f) He ordained that His Son go like a sheep to the slaughter
- 2) Anthropology of the passage: what does it teach about man?
  - a) He has an over-inflated view of himself
  - b) His spirit is willing, but his flesh is weak
  - c) He needs a Shepherd to keep from falling away
  - d) He falls easily into temptation, capable of denying or betraying
  - e) His zeal for God is often misguided in favor of violence
  - f) There are Judas Iscariots in our midst
    - i) Disagrees w/Bible
    - ii) Motivated by self-interest; not Christ's
    - iii) Hypocritical, greeting Christ yet betraying Him
    - iv) Sorry but not repentant
    - v) They have a price; can be bought

