“NOT MY WILL, BUT YOURS, BE DONE”

Luke 22:39–46

Key Verse: 22:42

1. How does the author describe the scene? (39) What does the phrase “as was his custom” suggest? What does it mean that “the disciples followed him”?
2. What did Jesus say to them? (40) What temptation were the disciples facing? (31,32) Review the temptations Jesus himself also had experienced (4:1–13). Why do we all need to pray to overcome temptation?
3. What is the significance of Jesus kneeling down to pray? (41) Read verse 42. What does his calling God “Father” tell us? What is his first request? What does he mean by “this cup”? What can we learn from his first request about prayer?
4. What is his concluding request, and what does this show us about him? (42b; see also Ps40:8; Jn4:34) What does it mean to pray for God’s will to be done, above all else? Why is it so important to pray for this, and how can we?
5. What happened, and what does this tell us? (43) What else does Luke say about Jesus’ prayer? (44) Why was he in such “agony”? At such a moment, what does it mean that he “prayed more earnestly”? What does the description of his sweat suggest about prayer?
6. In what state did Jesus find his disciples, and what does this mean? (45) What did he say to them again, and how can his words help us? (46)