

The Integrity of Jesus at Gethsemane

Discussion: Think of an instance where you knew you had to do something but felt hesitant to do it.

What is integrity?

- 1) What you think
- 2) What you do
- 3) What you believe
- 4) You are morally upright

Summary of previous devotions:

We looked at the following characters in the past devotions: Peter, Abraham, and Paul. In the last devotion we looked at the person of Jesus and how He had perfect integrity. We looked at Jesus when He was being tempted by the devil in the desert and fasted for 40 days.

What was Jesus thinking?

He was being obedient to God's will and being led by the spirit.

What did Jesus do?

Lived a perfect life and preached the gospel.

What did Jesus believe?

He was fulfilling the prophecies in the Old Testament as He is the Messiah.

Was Jesus morally upright?

Jesus did not come to condemn people but to love them and had compassion on sinners. He ate with tax collectors and prostitutes and healed many people.

1) Why was Jesus so anxious?

He knew what awaited Him was the wrath of God. He was not afraid of crucifixion or being flogged but rather the punishment from an all powerful God. Jesus was fearful of an all powerful God who was going to exercise judgment on Him.

2) "The Spirit is willing but the flesh is weak":

Our flesh is controlled by our sinful nature and is therefore weak. Our flesh naturally gravitates us toward our sinful desires and we know everyone is of the flesh (Romans 3:23).

The result of living by the flesh is death (Romans 6:23).

However, the spirit is controlled by our regenerated nature. When we put our faith in Christ we are born again as the Holy Spirit enters into our lives and Jesus becomes the Lord of our lives. Our lives no longer belong to us but we live according to the spirit (Galatians 2:20).

What is the gospel?

Our sinful nature is enough to earn us a place in hell. God is righteous and cannot tolerate sinners such as ourselves. Sin is when we miss the expectation and mark that God sets. The good news is God sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins so that we can have eternal life if we believe in Him (John 3:16). Not only do we have salvation when we believe but we can have a relationship with God and that original relationship which God created us for is now restored. We were created to be being of worship but because of our sins we became enemies of God. By believing in Christ changes from enemies of the cross to children of God (Romans 8:12-16, Romans 6:17-18).