

Sunday 14th May 2017 - 5th Sunday of Easter
GETHSEMANE - Mark 14:32-42

WELCOME:

Question: Have you ever fallen asleep in a meeting, a theatre performance, on a train ... even in church? How did it feel?

WORSHIP: *Sing this well known hymn together ...*

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

3. Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

WORD: Read Mark 14:32-42

1. Sleeping Disciples

After the last supper Jesus took the disciples to Gethsemane, a garden/park on the Mount of Olives

- What does he tell them?
- What does he want them to do?
- What do they do? Why?

2. Praying Jesus

While the disciples are sleeping Jesus is praying ... a simple but profound prayer that changes the history of the world (see vs 36)

- What does Jesus mean by 'this cup'?
- Does this surprise you?
- Why was Jesus so distressed?

See also **Matthew 26:36-46 & Luke 22:39-46**

- What do these alternative passages tell us?

3. Jesus' Sacrifice

This is the moment of decision. Divinity must be surrendered to death ...

Read Philippians 2:5-11

- What did it mean for Jesus to go through with the cross?

Read Matthew 26:53-54

- If you had been Jesus, what would you have done?
- So why did he do it? - Do you know?

WITNESS:

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus - Phil 2:5

Read Luke 9:22-24

- What does that mean for you? What do you have to lose?
- Would we give it all up for Jesus/God?

Prayer:

- Give thanks to Jesus for his ultimate sacrifice - for you!
- Pray for the strength to have 'the same attitude' as Jesus.
- Pray for the church – that we might not be sleeping disciples but be awake and ready to serve Jesus.