

# The Lord's Sacrifice and Our Service

Matt. 26:36-40

## Introduction:

- A. "What, could ye not watch with me one hour?"
  - 1. What a soul searching question!
  - 2. Was this asking too much of the disciples?
    - a. In view of their Lord's agony.
    - b. In view of what was about to happen – betrayal, arrest, trial and crucifixion.
    - c. In view of the reason for it all – to save them.
- B. How insignificant is all our service compared to the Lord's sacrifice for us!

## Discussion:

### I. The Lord's Sacrifice for Us.

- A. His descent from heaven (Phil. 2:3-8).
- B. His life as a pauper (Luke 9:58).
- C. His arrest as a common criminal (Matt. 26:47-56)
- D. His series of humiliating trials.
  - 1. Before the Jewish court (Matt. 26:57-68).
  - 2. Before Pilate (Matt. 27:1-26)
- E. His crucifixion Matt. 27:27-50).

### II. Our Meager Service to Him.

- A. What is our obedience compared to His obedience? (cf. Heb. 5:8-9).
  - 1. Faith, repentance and baptism so little compared.
  - 2. Our baptism compared to His death, burial and resurrection (Rom. 6:3,4).
  - 3. Our obeying "all things" is least we can do (cf. Lk. 17:10).
  - 4. Our restoration as erring Christians.
- B. What is our spiritual sacrifice and service compared to His?
  - 1. Our time spent in public worship and study.
    - a. Four hours weekly – if attend all services.
    - b. Maybe two or three short meetings per year.
  - 2. Our time spent privately to build up the church for which he died.
  - 3. Our money given to further His cause.
  - 4. Our self-denial to better serve Him (cf. Phil. 3:8)

## Conclusion:

- 1. The next time you are debating whether to attend a service – think of this.
- 2. The next time you are purposing in your heart to give – think of this.
- 3. The next time you are tempted to neglect any duty or be of service – think of this.