JESUS' PRAYER IN GETHSEMANE

I. HIS PRAYER WAS SOLITARY

A. Mark 14:32-35

He entered Gethsemane with His disciples, but asked most to sit in one place while taking Peter, James, and John with Him a little further. Then, He told those three to stay as He went even further and began to pray.

B. Luke 22:41

That "little further" was a withdrawal of "about a stone's throw."

C. Luke 5:16

This was not unusual for Jesus.

D. Matthew 6:5-6

Jesus was practicing what He taught.

II. HIS PRAYER WAS HUMBLE

A. Luke 22:41

He "knelt" to pray

B. Ephesians 3:14; Acts 20:36; 21:5

Kneeling in prayer is an appropriate demonstration of reverence before God.

III. HIS PRAYER WAS FAMILIAL

A. Mark 14:36

Jesus addressed the Father in two languages, emphasizing that role of paternity.

B. Romans 8:14-15; Galatians 4:6-7

Because of our adoption, we can call Him, "Abba, Father," too.

IV. HIS PRAYER WAS SINCERE

A. Mark 14:33-34

He was "troubled," "deeply distressed," and "exceedingly sorrowful."

B. Luke 22:44

He was "in agony" and "He prayed more earnestly." He was so intent that blood oozed from His pores in sweat.

C. Hebrews 5:7

Jesus prayed with "vehement cries and tears."

V. HIS PRAYER WAS PERSISTENT

A. Mark 14:39; Matthew 26:44

Jesus prayed the same thing three times.

B. Luke 18:1-8

He taught the need for prayerful persistence.

VI. HIS PRAYER WAS YIELDING

A. Matthew 26:39, 42

Jesus did not insist on what He wanted, but left the decision to the Father.

B. Matthew 6:10

He taught us to pray the same way.

VII. HIS PRAYER WAS ANSWERED

A. Hebrews 5:7

He "was heard because of His godly fear."

B. Luke 22:43

God sent an angel to strengthen Jesus.

C. John 18:11

He was ready to drink the cup He had been asking to be spared from.