

What a Difference a Few Hours Make

Before - The Garden

- ***Cheerfulness*** - After the Passover and instituting the Lord's Supper (Matt. 26:26-30)
- ***Anticipation*** - When He prayed to the Father (Jno. 17)
- ***Peace*** - That He promised His disciples (Jno. 14:27)

Now He Was:

- *“Exceeding sorrowful even unto death” (Matt. 26:38)*
- *“Very heavy” (Matt. 26:37)*
- *“Sore amazed”(Mk. 14:33)*
- *“Being in agony” (Lk. 22:44)*
- *“Great drops of sweat” (Lk. 22:44)*

Hebrew Writer Describes It

- “who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him” (Heb. 5:8-9)

Cause of Jesus' Suffering

- Not:
 - Fear from physical suffering
 - Fear from death
 - Any extraordinary attack by Satan

Why Then?

- *Isa. 53:10 tells us, “Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put *Him* to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see *His* seed, He shall prolong *His* days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.*
- *His Horror of Sin (2 Cor. 5:21, Heb. 2:9)*

Why Did He Leave Ready to Face Death?

- Not because of human companionship - disciples had fallen asleep (Matt. 26:45)
- But because:
 - An angel ministered to Him (Lk. 22:43)
 - The power of prayer