

# The Olive Press

Luke 22:39-46

Introduction: When we begin a project (the year 2020) we are full of optimism, hope, and courage. Yet it is in the trying times that we truly discover ourselves and what really matters.

## I. Jesus in the Olive Press

- A. Gethsemane was a place for producing olive oil
  - 1. The production method: pressing olives with great stones
  - 2. Creating fine oil from pressure and time
- B. Jesus' suffering in the Garden is a lesson for us today
  - 1. What brought him there? God's mission
  - 2. What kept him there? His servanthood
  - 3. What concerned him there? His disciple's souls
- C. What Jesus endured at that moment
  - The physical stress: sweat like drops of blood
  - The emotional stress: his friends slept
  - The spiritual stress: the weight of all history

## II. We Are In The Olive Press Today

- A. The present condition of this world
  - Sickness, hurting, confusion, anger
  - Man born woman few days, much trouble, Job 14:1
  - All Christians face persecution, 2 Tim. 3:12
  - Many Psalms speak of pain and hurt
- B. The spiritual condition of so many around us
  - Jesus saw them as sheep without shepherd, Mt. 9:36
  - Paul in Athens hurt at their idolatry, Acts 17
- C. The absolute pain of not knowing why
  - "miserable comforters of Job" Job 16:2

## III. The Fine Oil Produced In Our Press

- A. Comfort in our Savior
  - Hebrews 4:15 Have a high Priest tempted as us, without sin
  - Acts 7 Stephen saw Jesus at God's right hand
  - Revelation 1:8 Alpha and Omega, overcome all
- B. The Beauty of Fellowship of Believers
  - Two better than one, Eccl. 4:9-12
- C. The Endurance of Our Faith
  - Heb11:13 Died in faith, not having received promises, saw heaven