

**1. Readings**

- a) Acts 3:11-13; Rom. 8:31-32 - “Delivered up” two contrasting deliverings.
  - i) Delivered by the hands of men and by the hand of God
- b) Rom. 8:32; 2 Pet. 2:4 - Two contrasting times when God did not spare.
  - i) God did not spare His Son nor did He spare the angels that sinned
- c) Isa. 53:4; 7 - Two contrasting afflictions
  - i) The Lord was afflicted by God and by the hands of men

**2. Introduction**

- a) Two contrasting events which changed the lives of thousands in a moment of time
  - ii) June 28<sup>th</sup> 1914 Archduke Fernando, in Sarajevo, was killed by an assassin’s bullets.
    - 1. A momentary act that issued in WW1, lasting 4 years and almost 10 million soldiers had died.
    - 2. A vicious act of hatred.
- b) Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 1936, Edward VIII abdicated his throne out of love for Mrs. Simpson
  - i) It affected the history of British Royalty
  - ii) Will affect British history to the end of the kingdom.
- c) Similarities and Contrasts
  - i) Similarities:
    - 1. Both were affected in a moment
    - 2. Both were non-reversible
    - 3. Both affected history
  - ii. Contrasts
    - 1. One an act of spite and hatred, the other an act of love
    - 2. One affected life and death, one affected position

**3. Another Event Which:**

- a) Changed the lives of millions
- b) Was an act of hatred
- c) Was an act of love
- d) That affects position
- e) But which goes beyond time into eternity; It affects each one in the meeting
- f) That event is the work of Christ at Calvary

**4. It was only 18 hours from Gethsemane to the death of the Lord**

- a) Gethsemane:
  - i) The pathos of Gethsemane
    - 1. His prayers
      - (a) How He spoke to God: “O My Father, If it be possible” (Matt. 26:39)
        - (i) A prayer based on relationship, “My Father” (Matt. 26:39)
        - (ii) A prayer based on God’s ability, “If it be possible” (Matt. 26:39)
      - (b) What He said: “Not my will but thine be done” (Matt. 26:42)
      - (c) The acceptance but the dread of that which lay ahead
      - (d) The triple prayer, a 3 fold cord, His affirmation of acceptance of the cup
    - 2. His weeping: “Strong crying and tears” (Heb. 5:7)
    - 3. His being distraught
- b) The other participants of Gethsemane
  - i) The disciples, had no appreciation of that which He was facing
  - ii) The crowd, cared nothing for that which He was facing
    - 1. “Looked for some to take pity, but there was none” (Psa. 69:20)
  - iii) The angel (Lk. 22:43)

1. Heaven appreciated
  2. Heaven cared
- c) The pathetic picture
- i) Coming to the disciples and them asleep (Matt. 26:40)
  - ii) Waiting for the mob to come
5. **The Two Deliverances**
- a) Man delivered Him up to be crucified
  - b) God delivered Him up for us all
6. **The Two Afflictions**
- a) By man
  - b) By God
7. **The Two Non Sparings**
- a) God spared not the angels, God spared not the old world
  - b) God spared not His Son
  - c) Illustration of the father who had his son in the bridge control station. The bridge was upright and he heard the train come. Suddenly his son fell into the cogs of the machinery. A decision had to be made pull the lever and let the bridge go down for the approaching train with hundreds of people and kill his son or save his son and let the people die? What a decision. God spared not his Son.
8. **The Two Destinies**
- a) Heaven or Hell
9. **The Single Decision**
- a) Shall I accept Christ or not?
  - b) “What shall I do then with Jesus which is called the Christ?” (Matt. 27:22)

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**May God grant us good understanding as He, by His Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth.  
John 16:13**

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