

The True Man and true men
Matthew 26:31-46

Jesus's truly human struggle is contrasted against the faithlessness of man

I. Context: Review of the highs and lows of the Passion scenes

II. true men (vss 31-35): The inept boasting of Peter and our human heroes in Scripture

Men are offended by the stricken Shepherd (31)

Christ promises He will shepherd them again (32)

In their pride, men boast of their loyalty (33-35)

Peter's (and our) three-fold error:

1. Comparing himself favorably to others (33a)
2. Confidence in self (33b)
3. Denying the truth of God's Word about himself (35)

The one and only truly faithful Man dies for the sin of faithless men

III. The True Man (vss 36-46): The exceeding sorrow of Jesus, the One True Hero of Scripture

Gethsemane: A garden of crushing (36)

The True Man desires fellowship (36-37)

The True Man is truly human (37-38)

The True Man submits and drinks the cup of God's judgment so that true men can drink the cup of God's blessing (39)

The True Man watches and prays as true men sleep (40-44)

The True Man emerges victorious (45-46)