

When God's Sovereignty Brings Suffering
Mark 14:32-52

- I. Introduction

- II. Suffering according to God's sovereignty (Isaiah 53:1-12; 55:8-11; Romans 8:26-28)

- III. Jesus' experience of suffering
 - A. Jesus' ability to experience suffering (Luke 22:44)

 - B. Minimizing the suffering of Jesus minimizes:
 - 1. The full humanity of Jesus
 - 2. The seriousness of our sin
 - 3. The extent of God's wrath against sin
 - 4. The depth of God's love for us (Romans 5:8, NIV)

 - C. Jesus' suffering is what enables Him to serve as our High Priest (Hebrews 2:17-18)

- IV. The battles faced in suffering
 - A. Battle of trust (Mark 14:36a)

 - B. Battle of submission (Mark 14:36a; Philippians 2:6-7)

 - C. Battle of obedience (Philippians 2:6-8; Mark 14:41b-42)

- V. Conclusion (1 Peter 5:10-11)