



DISCIPLESHIP ESSENTIALS SERIES

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Topic: Discipleship Essentials "Friends"

Matt 26:36-46

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Question – Could Jesus Have Failed his mission on earth?

Jesus Emptied himself

In his Humanity, Jesus was dependent on God

He also relied on his friends

Our friends are significant for our discipleship development



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When we come to understand Jesus, we need to realise that in Jesus' humanity, he had the very real possibility of failing. This is often confronting thought.

Read Mat 4:1-11

Satan tempted Jesus' humanity to operate outside of God's plan. Satan was trying to get Jesus to use his divine nature to serve his human nature. Bread from stones. We can sometimes overlook the significance of this. If Jesus had operated in his divinity to serve his humanity, he would no longer be able to be humanity's representative, and thus, his entire purpose of being our 'sacrificial lamb' that takes our sins away would no longer happen. This is significant. Jesus had to choose to remain in his humanity whilst not operating from his divinity.

The miracles Jesus did on earth was the spirit of God working through him.

John 11:41 – Jesus acknowledges it was God who raised Lazarus from the dead.

John 5:19. - Jesus was both fully human and fully God, yet he laid aside his God abilities and was completely dependent on the Spirit of God.

In his humanity, Jesus needed friends.

Read Matt 26:36-46

At the most significant moment in human history, Jesus' closest people, his besties, were not aware, alert, supporting him or even awake.

How awake are we to the spiritual condition of our friends?

Are we standing with them and praying and interceding for them?

What believers is God calling you to stand and pray with today?

Consider introducing a discipleship aspect to your best friends. Do you pray together? Do you open the word of God together?

Your best friends are a vital component of being discipled into Christ. They are a gift from God, but they are also a big responsibility for us to be there for.