The Lord’s Sacrifice and Our Service
Matt. 26:36-40

Introduction:
A. “What, could ye not watch with me one hour?”
   1. What a soul searching question!
   2. Was this asking too much of the disciples?
      a. In view of their Lord’s agony.
      b. In view of what was about to happen – betrayal, arrest, trial and crucifixion.
      c. In view of the reason for it all – to save them.
B. How insignificant is all our service compared to the Lord’s sacrifice for us!

Discussion:
I. The Lord’s Sacrifice for Us.
   A. His decent from heaven (Phil. 2:3-8).
   B. His life as a pauper (Luke 9:58).
   C. His arrest as a common criminal (Matt. 26:47-56)
   D. His series of humiliating trials.
      1. Before the Jewish court (Matt. 26:57-68).
      2. Before Pilate (Matt. 27:1-26)
   E. His crucifixion Matt. 27:27-50).

II. Our Meager Service to Him.
   A. What is our obedience compared to His obedience? (cf. Heb. 5:8-9).
      1. Faith, repentance and baptism so little compared.
      2. Our baptism compared to His death, burial and resurrection (Rom. 6:3,4).
      3. Our obeying “all things” is least we can do (cf. Lk. 17:10).
      4. Our restoration as erring Christians.
   B. What is our spiritual sacrifice and service compared to His?
      1. Our time spent in public worship and study.
         a. Four hours weekly – if attend all services.
         b. Maybe two or three short meetings per year.
      2. Our time spent privately to build up the church for which he died.
      3. Our money given to further His cause.
      4. Our self-denial to better serve Him (cf. Phil. 3:8)

Conclusion:
1. The next time you are debating whether to attend a service – think of this.
2. The next time you are purposing in your heart to give – think of this.
3. The next time you are tempted to neglect any duty or be of service – think of this.