

SERMON NOTES

Draw Near: And Surrender
Luke 22:39-46 (Luke 21:37; John 8:1)

The Mount of Olives is a place of great spiritual significance. It has historical and eschatological significance throughout the Bible. Perhaps the most famous description appears in Zechariah's apocalyptic vision (14:1-5): "On that day [the Lord] shall stand on the Mount of Olives which lies before Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley." The Mount of Olives was significant in the life of Jesus. The night He was betrayed, Jesus went to the Mount of Olives and drew near to the Father. It was there, He made a fresh surrender of His life to the eternal purposes of God.

Key thought: When you draw near to the Father, you must make a fresh surrender of your life to the eternal purposes of God.

JESUS MODELED SURRENDER

John 6:38; Hebrews 10:7

- Surrender is submission to God as Sovereign King
- Surrender is recognition of Creator God as Lord and Master over all creation. *Psalm 95:1-6; Revelation 4:11*
- Surrender is the source and means of true freedom and fullness. *Psalm 104*

THE TERMS OF CHRISTIAN SURRENDER

Say "No" to self; "Yes" to Jesus every time. *William Borden*

- Unconditional - *James 4:7; Matthew 6:33*
- Continual - *Luke 9:23-24; Galatians 2:20; Romans 12:1-2*

SIGN YOUR SURRENDER

Questions to ask:

- Have I ever consciously acknowledged Christ's ownership of my life?
- Have I made a volitional, unconditional, lifetime surrender of my life to Christ?
- Am I seeking to live surrendered to Christ on a daily basis?
- Are there any areas of my life over which I am reserving the right to exercise control?