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# Shepherd's Path

## A Shepherd's Personal Devotions

**Meet Jesus the Sacrifice and... Series, Lesson 45**

**Lesson Title:** Get to Be Sons and Daughters of God

**Take Home Point:** Jesus gave us his life so we can be adopted as sons and daughters and have his inheritance.

### Warm-Up:

Do you know anyone who has adopted a child? They may have told you all they went through to complete the adoption, or perhaps you watched and walked with them as the process advanced. I don't know any parent of an adopted child who doesn't cherish them as much as their natural children (if any) or as much as other parents with biological children. Can you imagine, after all the work and sacrifice they went through, that they would refuse to let the adopted child be a part of their inheritance? That they would not gladly share all that is theirs for the health and well-being of the child?

**Read:** Mark 14:32-42

### Observation (What happened?):

Why did Jesus want his disciples to come with him to the garden?

What did Jesus pray about and what specifically did he pray?

### Interpretation (What does it mean?):

Why was Jesus so sorrowful?

Why would Jesus not want to experience what he knew was to occur?

### Insight:

What does it mean to be adopted by God as a son or daughter? What is the inheritance that comes from such an adoption? It may seem an obvious answer given that God is actually the owner of everything, but the Bible does talk about what we receive. In Ephesians 1:3-10, Paul tells us we receive redemption, the forgiveness of our sins. We also are freed from the power of sin. We receive the hope of eternity with God in heaven, according to 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:3-7 and Hebrews 9:15. God gives us spiritual gifts to exercise in building his kingdom, and he provides us with armor to stand our ground against evil ways (Ephesians 4 & 6). We are blessed with wisdom (James), and freedom, not just from sin but from sin's guilt (Psalm 32). Our inheritance includes the Holy Spirit in us to receive and exhibit love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5). We are no longer called servants but friends, brothers and sisters of Jesus himself (John 15). Our inheritance is vast and wonderful and eternal!

### Application (What does it mean to me?):

What temptation does Jesus want you to overcome by watching and praying?

Take a moment to thank Jesus for his willing sacrifice on your behalf so you could participate in all the riches God has to offer.