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MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

Gethsemane: Lessons in Prayer

Matt. 26:36–46; Mark 14:32–42; Luke 22:39–46

Matt. 26:36, “Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, ‘Sit here while I go and pray over there.’ ”



Jesus' Will and the Father's Will

John 4:34, “Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.’ ”

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Noun acc neut sing

will, desire

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John 5:30, “I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.”

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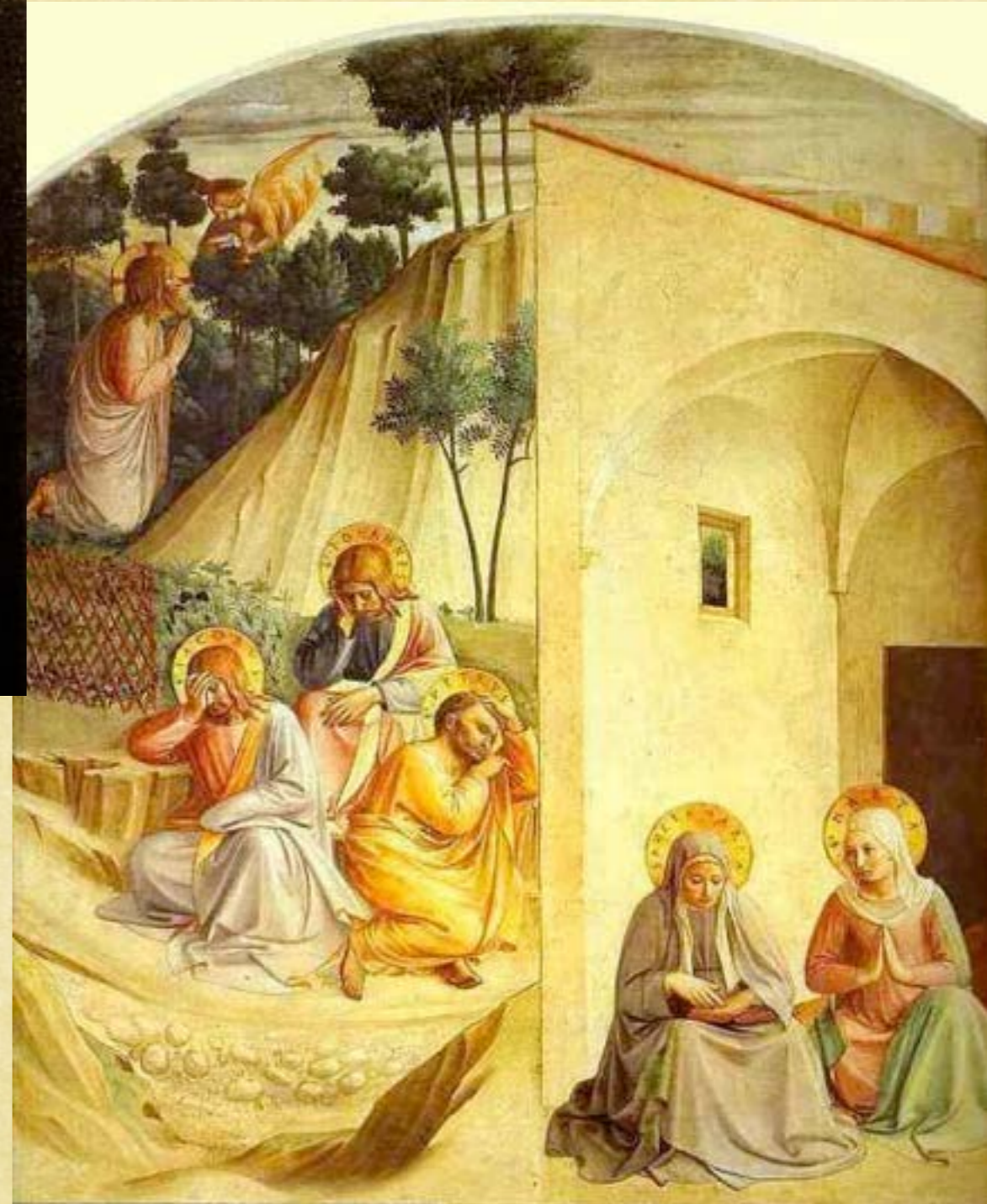
John 6:38, “For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.”

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Carravaggio, *Jesus on the Mount of Olives*



**Fra Angelico - *Agony in the Garden*.
c.1450. Fresco, 177 x 147. Museo di
San Marco, Cell 34, Florence, Italy**

Matt. 26:39, “He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, ‘O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.’ ”

Matt. 26:42, “Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, ‘O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.’ ”

Matt. 26:44, “So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.”

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Luke 22:42, “saying, ‘Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.’ ”

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“hour” = “cup”

What is Jesus asking for?

The Significance of “the Cup”



Matt. 20:20, “Then the mother of Zebedee’s sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him.

Matt. 20:21, “And He said to her, ‘What do you wish?’ She said to Him, ‘Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom.’

Matt. 20:22, “But Jesus answered and said, ‘You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?’ They said to Him, ‘We are able.’

Matt. 20:23, “So He said to them, ‘You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared by My Father.’ ”

1. Several words for “cup” in the Old Testament.

The word translated into ποτήριον
potērion “cup” in the Septuigant (LXX)
is כוס-1 *kos-1* cup

2. This word occasionally means a literal cup, but frequently is used to represent the pouring out of God’s judgment or wrath.

Psa. 11:6, “Upon the wicked He will rain coals; Fire and brimstone and a burning wind shall be the portion of their cup.”

Psa. 75:7, “But God is the Judge: He puts down one, and exalts another.

Psa. 75:8, “For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine is red; It is fully mixed, and He pours it out; Surely its dregs shall all the wicked of the earth drain and drink down.”

Isa. 51:21, “Therefore please hear this, you afflicted, and drunk but not with wine.

Isa. 51:22, “Thus says your Lord, the LORD and your God, Who pleads the cause of His people: ‘See, I have taken out of your hand the cup of trembling, the dregs of the cup of My fury; You shall no longer drink it.

Isa. 51:23, “But I will put it into the hand of those who afflict you, who have said to you, ‘Lie down, that we may walk over you.’ And you have laid your body like the ground, and as the street, for those who walk over.”

Jer. 25:27, “Therefore you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: “Drink, be drunk, and vomit! Fall and rise no more, because of the sword which I will send among you.” ’

Jer. 25:28, “And it shall be, if they refuse to take the cup from your hand to drink, then you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts: “You shall certainly drink!

Jer. 25:29, “ ‘ “For behold, I begin to bring calamity on the city which is called by My name, and should you be utterly unpunished? You shall not be unpunished, for I will call for a sword on all the inhabitants of the earth,” says the LORD of hosts.’ ”

Rom. 5:8, “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

1 John 2:2, “And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.”

1 Pet. 2:23, “who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;

1 Pet. 2:24, “who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

2 Cor. 5:21, “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

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Rom. 6:3, “Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?”

Rom. 6:4, “Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”