

The Most Famous Plot Ever

Jesus’ Love is Costly

Drinking the cup – vs. 36

“Take from my hand this cup of the wine of wrath, and make all the nations to whom I send you drink it. They shall drink and stagger and be crazed because of the sword I am sending among them.” Jeremiah 25:15

“Sore Amazed” – KJV translation of vs. 33

The idea: Jesus is peering into something he has never known. This made him “greatly distressed and troubled.”

Jesus’ Love is Voluntary

Jesus goes of his own accord

Vs. 42 – “Rise, let us be going.”

Vs. 48 – “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs?”

Vss. 55-62, especially 62 – “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.”

Jonathan Edwards

“Why is it needful that Jesus should have a more full and extraordinary view of the cup that he was to drink, a little before he drank it, than he ever had before?”

Jesus' Love is Expressed for us Through his Undeserved Death

The Fate of False Witnesses

Deuteronomy 19:16 “If a malicious witness takes the stand to accuse a man of a crime, ¹⁷ the two men involved in the dispute must stand in the presence of the LORD before the priests and the judges who are in office at the time. ¹⁸ The judges must make a thorough investigation, and if the witness proves to be a liar, giving false testimony against his brother, ¹⁹ then do to him as he intended to do to his brother. You must purge the evil from among you. ²⁰ The rest of the people will hear of this and be afraid, and never again will such an evil thing be done among you. ²¹ Show no pity: life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.”

The Son of Man in Power

Daniel 7:9-14

Joseph at Pharaoh's Right Hand

Undeserved love

Romans 5:7-8 “For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Who are you in the passage? Peter? Disciples? Guards? Priests or scribes? The man running away?

Questions for Personal Study

1. How does this passage show Jesus' great love to us?
2. Why is it important that Jesus knew beforehand what the suffering on the cross would entail?
3. Why does it make a difference that Jesus chose to die for us, and that God the Father didn't compel him or make him somehow?
4. How should you respond to such a great love? How does this shape your life day in and day out?