



**Sermon Series:** The Cross of Christ, Part 5 (Good Friday)

**Sermon Title:** The Cup Jesus Drank

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### Mark 14:32–42

Up until Gethsemane, Jesus was confident, authoritative, and fearless in His ministry, but in Gethsemane, he's different. He's about to drink from the cup of suffering so we could drink from the cup of God's grace. Let's ponder divine wrath from the viewpoint of God the Son.

Jesus isn't merely upset; He's staggered. **Luke 22:44** graphically says, "His sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground." This is a condition that occurs during times of extreme stress.

**Big Idea:** Jesus drank a cup so we could drink from a different one  
Let's consider three facets of the

#### I. The Cup He Anticipated

Jesus repeatedly told his disciples what was in store. **Matthew 16:21**

Jesus knows what's coming. His disciples are the ones in denial. **Mark 10:32**

The deepest pain of Calvary would be not just the physical agony. Jesus collapses to the ground and uses a term that seems strange to us. He pleads for the removal of a "cup." **Mark 14:35–36**

The cup refers to God's wrath over sin. Jesus surely has in mind **Isaiah 51:17** that speaks of drinking "from the hand of the LORD the cup of His wrath... the goblet that makes men stagger."

It describes the full fury of God poured out on all human rebellion and indifference toward God. It a cup that we deserved to drink. It's my cup and yours. And it's furious. **Jeremiah 25:15–16**

Jesus, in this moment, faces the full impact of the choice that lies before Him. He grasps the fact that he will not only bear sin; he will become sin for us.

**2 Corinthians 5:21**

#### II. A Cup Unlike Any Other

We've spoken of how the Father's love needs to find expression without ignoring his wrath. Both require expression; He cannot ignore either.

Jesus now stares into the full fury of the cup of God's wrath that must be poured out so that God's love may flow freely to those who do not deserve it... who deserve hell.

The worst aspect of hell isn't physical suffering. Rather, it's the utter absence of God. In hell, there is no glimpse of His face. No order. No hope.

Jesus stares into that place. A place he has, from eternity, never known.

Jesus asks the Father if there is another plan, and He hears silence.

He gets up, checks on his disciples, returns to where he'd been and again staggers to his knees. **Mark 14:39**

### III. The Cup We Drink

Jesus remains committed to the plan drafted in eternity. He prays, **"Yet not what I will, but what you will."** (Mk 14:36)

As a result of the Son's decision, we have the opportunity to drink today from an altogether different cup. Not of wrath, but grace - the cup of our salvation. A cup for which we provide no payment. A cup from which "whosoever will" may drink. **Isaiah 55:1**

#### Discussion Questions:

- What about the sermon stuck with you this week? What part challenged your thinking?
- Did Jesus know that there was not another plan when He prayed to the Father?
- Jesus is God and in control of everything. Why did he stagger in the Garden of Gethsemane?
- Read Matthew 5:45 and explain how God has always been present in the lives of both believers and unbelievers
- How would you explain to an unbeliever the reason Jesus died on a cross?

## **BIBLE VERSES**

**Mark 14:32–42 (NIV)** They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,” he said to them. “Stay here and keep watch.” Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. “Abba, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.” Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Simon,” he said to Peter, “are you asleep? Couldn’t you keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him. Returning the third time, he said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

**Matthew 16:21 (NIV)** From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

**Mark 10:32 (NIV)** They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him.

**Mark 14:35–36 (NIV)** Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. “Abba, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

**Jeremiah 25:15–16 (NIV)** This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, said to me: “Take from my hand this cup filled with the wine of my wrath and make all the nations to whom I send you drink it. When they drink it, they will stagger and go mad because of the sword I will send among them.”

**2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)** God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**Mark 14:39 (NIV)** Once more he went away and prayed the same thing.

**Isaiah 55:1 (NIV)** “Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.