

*The Cast of Characters in the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus*

***The Father: “Your Will Be Done”***

Matthew 26:36–56

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The Lord’s Day Morning

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What Gethsemane Tells Us About God’s Will

1. God’s secret will of decree: **What shall be!** What God has decided he will do, which will infallibly come to pass. It is God’s decreed will to permit sin and cause that sin to work toward the fulfillment of his good plan even when it is not clear to us how this could be.
2. God’s revealed will of command: **What should be!** What we know God decided he wants us to do, which often does not come to pass (i.e., love God and others, the Ten Commandments). Therefore, God often permits in his hidden, decreed will, what he forbids in his revealed, commanded (moral) will. He daily permits what does not please him.

What Gethsemane Tells Us About Prayer

1. Prayer is more important than sleep and sleep is more important than \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Prayer is the opportunity for utter and intimate \_\_\_\_\_ with God.
3. Prayer is required to resist the \_\_\_\_\_ to step out of God’s will.
4. Our sovereign God chooses to move in response to the \_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Prayer does not bring \_\_\_\_\_ will in line with ours, but \_\_\_\_\_ in line with his.