**Let This Cup Pass From Me Matt 26:36-39**

**I. Introduction: A. Christ’s Prayer to The Father in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus said the words:“Let this cup pass from Me.”**

**\*What was Jesus asking The Father? And \*Was His Prayer answered?**

**B. Read Matt 26:36-39 What “Cup” was Jesus referring to? .....The Word Cup = “Fate, Lot” ….The Cup of Suffering! The Bitter Sufferings, The Sorrows, The Approaching Trials and Ultimate Death awaiting the Christ! -Isa 53:3-5**

**C. What Bitter Sufferings would Jesus endure?**

* **Jesus was to be betrayed and arrested!-Matt 26:47-50**
* **Jesus would put on Trial (The Sanhedrin, Pilate)!-Matt 26:57; 27:2**
* **Jesus was to be scourged! Matt 27:26**
* **Jesus would be beaten, mocked and spat on by the soldiers ! Matt 27:27-31**
* **Jesus would be mocked by the Chief priests, elders and scribes-Matt 27:31**
* **Jesus would be required to carry His own cross! John 19:17**
* **Jesus was to be nailed to the cross! Matt 27:38**
* **Jesus would ultimately Die!-Matt 27:50**
* **There was much pain, sorrow, suffering and humiliation and ultimately death to come!**
* **This was “The Cup” anticipated by the Lord!**

**D.** **Let This Cup Pass From Me…  
What Was Jesus Asking The Father For?   
Was Jesus Asking the Father for Plan B?   
Was Jesus Asking The Father To Cancel the Cross and all of its related Suffering? ….I do not think so. If that were the case then Jesus would be contradicting His own words and all of His own prophecies!!!**

**…I believe that Jesus was Praying to the Father according to His will and I believe that The Father answers His prayer as He always had!**

**E. Scriptures And Points to Consider**

1. **The Father Planned Our Redemption Through Christ from the Foundation of The World-Rev 13:8 ….Salvation was therefore Placed in 1 place: in Christ! Eph 1:3-4**
2. **Jesus Came To this world Specifically to offer Himself as The Sacrifice for sin! Heb 10:5-7, Psa 40:6-8-He delights in doing the will of the Father!**
3. **Jesus Was Always Focused on The Scriptures, Completing the Will of His Father in Heaven! …As a Young child Jesus was focused on the will of His Father! Luke 2:48-49 …During His 3 year ministry Jesus was Consumed with completing the will of The Father! John 4:34 …Even when suffering and dying on the cross, Jesus was concerned with fulfilling the scriptures! When He stated “I thirst” and received the sour wine this was a fulfillment of Psa 69:21!**
4. **There is Perfect Unity in Mind and Purpose Between the Father and the Son! John 10:30, John 17:20-21. The Father and Son are 1 in Thought/Word/1 Purpose/ 1 Action! \*Jesus is the “Word” according to John 1:1. Therefore He is God’s communication with Mankind! \*Whatever the Father thinks, believes or commands is therefore expressed by Christ! John 7:16, John 12:49, John 14:24 \*There was unity in thought, word, purpose and action in the delivery of The Word of God! John 16:12-16. While there is Perfect Unity in thought, and word in the Godhead in terms of the scriptures, we (people of God) must come to the unity of the faith! Eph 4:13 \*John 14:8-11- “He who has seen Me has seen the Father”**
5. **The Perfect Unity in Mind and Purpose is seen in Jesus’ Prayers as He always prayed according to the will of The Father and was Heard! …God hears our prayers when we pray according to His will- I John 5:14-15 …Notice the scriptures teach that Jesus was always heard by the Father! John 11:40-42, Heb 5:7, Psa 22:24, Psa 22:21-God answered Him!**
6. **Jesus Repeatedly Prophesied that He would rise in 3 Days (He intended therefore to suffer the cross)! Matt 16:21, John 2:19, Matt 12:40. Will Jesus pray for Plan B when He is repeatedly prophesying that He will rise in 3 days?**
7. **Jesus did not waver from His resolve to Suffer, and die on the Cross (to drink the cup which His Father gave Him)! John 18:10-11, John 12:27-28, Mark 8:31-33 \*Some Claim that Jesus asked not to go to the cross due to having a weak Human moment! However, Jesus had already proven His mastery over the flesh when challenged by Satan. When told to change a stone to bread after 40 days of fasting Jesus overcame the flesh with the word of God! Matt 4:4, He was in all in all points tempted yet without sin! Heb 4:15**
8. **Let This Cup Pass From Me…  
   What Was Jesus Asking The Father For?   
   Was Jesus Asking the Father for Plan B?   
   Was Jesus Asking The Father To Cancel the Cross and all of its related Suffering? ..No, Jesus was asking The Father to let (the cup) the bitter sufferings pass quickly, to pass by, not to linger! \*\*The Word translated “pass” does not mean to “cancel”! The Word “pass” according to Thayer’s means “to go pass”. The Word “pass” according to the Complete word study Dictionary means “to pass near” or “to pass by” See Acts 16:8.**
9. **God Heard Jesus’ prayer (as He always does) John 11:42 and granted Him His request! Jesus’ suffering did not linger as He died quickly before the 2 others on the cross!**
10. **When individuals were crucified they could linger for 2-3 Days!!**

* **We know what happened to Jesus. He was crucified the 3rd hour, the sun went dark from the 6th to the 9th hour and Jesus died!**
* **He did not suffer a whole day, or two days or three days, He suffered 6 hours!**
* **And so His suffering did not linger (for days) it passed quickly. \*\*\*\*The Father heard his prayer and answered! Jesus died quickly! John 19:31-33.**
* **Even Pilate Marveled that Jesus was already dead! Mark 15:44-45**

1. **The Fact that Jesus died unusually fast was the will of The Father in Heaven!**
2. **The Scriptures prophesied that the Passover lamb’s bones would NOT be broken! Ex 12:46. Jesus’ bones were NOT broken because He died quickly-John 19:31-33**
3. **The Scriptures prophesied that Christ would be resurrected on a Sunday during the Passover (Lev 23:9-11), and that the Church would begin 50 days later on a Sunday (Lev 23:15-22). In order for these 2 events to occur as prophesied Jesus needed to die quickly, be buried on Preparation Day Friday and rise on Sunday!!! \*\*\*Let This Cup Pass From Me- The Father both Heard Christ’s Prayer and Answered Him!**