

The Cup

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Introduction

The Lord instituted the Lord's Table in Matthew 26:26-30 // Mark 14:22-26 // Luke 22:14-23

He prayed in Gethsemane concerning the cup in Matthew 26:36-46 // Mark 14:32-42 // Luke 22:39-46

Let's look at the three prayers:

Prayer 1

Matthew 26³⁹ 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."

Mark 14³⁶ And He said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will."

Luke 22⁴¹ And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, ⁴² saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."

Prayer 2

Matthew 26⁴² 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."

Mark 14³⁹ Again He went away and prayed, and spoke the same words.

Prayer 3

Matthew 26⁴⁴ So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

What is the Cup?

Mark 10:35ff

Holding the cup versus drinking the cup

Jesus repeatedly predicted His crucifixion and resurrection, starting with John 2:19. Note Matt 12:39-40 as well as the following trio of predictions common to each synoptic:

First synoptic passion prediction: Matt 16:21 // Mark 8:31 // Luke 9:22

Second synoptic passion prediction: Matt 17:22-23a // Mark 9:20-31 // Luke 9:43b-44

Third synoptic passion prediction: Matt 20:17-19 // Mark 10:32-34 // Luke 18:31-34

Now, let us consider the institution of the Lord's table in Matthew 26:26-30

Conclusion