

Shall I Not Drink the Cup that the Father Has Given Me?

John 18:1-27

Jesus and his disciples left the upper room, where they ate the Passover meal, and crossed the Kidron Valley to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane. From a human perspective, everything fell apart and they entered into crisis. But from God's perspective, there is something far more horrendous and far more glorious than anyone could have imagined.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. (Isaiah 55:8-9)

Valuing the Unimaginable Cost of Jesus' Death

Jesus endured undeserved suffering

Jesus received the "cup" of wrath

We must avoid minimizing the significance of His death

Grasping the Glory of Salvation

Sin makes redemption necessary (Judas, Jewish leaders, Peter)

Jesus fulfilled the Father's plan (from before creation)

Our assurance is found in Jesus always being in complete control

Responding to Grace with Genuine Repentance and Faith

Adhering to religious traditions misses the heart of true faith

Feeling guilty or regret is insufficient

Trying to "make it right" with works is never enough