

“Whatever You Want, Daddy” Mark 14: 32-38 (Matt 26: 36-46 / Luke 22: 39-46)

OUR TEXT IN MARK

- 32 They came to a place named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, "Sit here until I have prayed."
- 33 And He took with Him Peter and James and John, and began to be very distressed and troubled.
- 34 And He said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved [*Matt: “overwhelmed”*] to the point of death; remain here and keep watch." [*Matt: “with me”*]
- 35 And He went a little beyond them, and fell to the ground and began to pray that if it were possible, the hour might pass Him by. [*hour = predestined time for a significant occurrence*]
- 36 And He was saying, **"Abba! Father! All things are possible for You; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what You will."**
- 37 And He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour?"
- 38 "Keep watching and praying that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Matthew 26:41

Jesus says to the 3 disciples: "The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Luke 22: 39-46

- 22:40 – Jesus tells the 3 upon arrival: "pray that you may not enter into temptation"
- 22:41 – Jesus withdrew about "a stone's throw" from the 3 and "knelt down"
- 22:43 – An angel from heaven appeared to strengthen Jesus
- 22:44 – Being in agony, as he prayed, His sweat became like drops of blood, falling on the ground
- 22:46 – When Jesus finishes praying, he goes to the disciples and again says: "pray that you may not enter into temptation"

THE TWO OTHER "ABBA" PASSAGES (3 in all in the Bible)

Galatians 4: 6-7 Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Therefore, you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

Romans 8: 14-15 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father"

THE SETTING

GETHSEMENE = A private garden to which Jesus had access (no public gardens in Jerusalem)

GETHSEMENE = (lit) OLIVE [OIL] PRESS = i.e. place of squeezing and surrender

GETHSEMENE = OVERWHELMING SORROW Jesus wanted fellowship – of men and of the Father

GETHSEMENE = VOLUNTARY DEATH this account shows this heart of willingness

GETHSEMENE = The beginning of His “hour” = predestined moment (planned from eternity)

GETHSEMENE = Our most intimate look into the heart and soul of Jesus

BREAKING DOWN Mark 14:36

“Abba, Father”

“Abba” – Aramaic (daddy or better, da-da); “father” – Greek “pater” (Father)

shows the desperation of his spirit and tenderness of his relationship

unique to the gospels – see 14:50-52 (Mark a probable eyewitness)

“All things are possible for You”

this is the heart of both Godly submission and fullness of faith

(you can heal my loved one, you can change my circumstance, etc.)

“Remove this cup from me”

cup = overwhelming suffering both physical and spiritual. This was the “hour” that Jesus prayed to pass Him by – the predestined time, predetermined from the foundation of the worlds, when He would take the sins of the world upon himself

Jesus knew and believed that the Father COULD answer this prayer – just as we must believe that God COULD answer any prayer we pray – but His ways are higher and His thoughts greater (Is 55:8-9)

“Yet not what I will, but what You will.”

This is the supreme demonstration of Jesus’ ultimate submission to the Father – to the greater good – to others rather than to Himself

This is the moment we understand that Jesus death was VOLUNTARY

This is the heart of our submission and must be at the heart of each of our prayers

GOD’S WILL FOR YOU – in 4 “S” words (Lesson 3 in this series gives more detail)

1. SALVATION

John 6:40 For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.

2. SANCTIFICATION (morally pure)

1 Thessalonians 4:3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality.

1 Peter 1:14-15 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior.

3. SPIRIT-FILLED

Ephesians 5:17-18 So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit.

4. SACRIFICE OF BODY AND MIND

Romans 12:1-2 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

SONG: "ABBA, FATHER"