



Jesus Prayed, How About You?

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TODAY'S READING: Mark 14

In today's reading, Jesus is teaching and sharing His heart with His disciples. This passage includes the plot to kill Jesus, the anointing of Jesus, the betrayal, celebration of the Passover, the institution of the Lord's Supper, and the significance of the denial by Peter. All these were monumental events that shaped the hearts and minds of the disciples as they followed and abided in Jesus. However, what I want to highlight from the passage is the prayer that Jesus lifted to His Father.

Please note, Jesus is God incarnate walking among man. There is nothing that He could not have accomplished or put into place to achieve whatever He thought necessary at the time. He was God in the flesh! However, He was sent to our time and space for a purpose—to redeem and save mankind from demise. For they were enemies of God due to their sin and destined to die. Now Jesus, in our passage is feeling the weight of the sin placed upon Him by His Father, for all mankind. *"Then He said to them, 'My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch'"* (Mark 14:34, NKJV).

Prophecy was coming into fruition; *"He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors"* (Isaiah 53:11-12, NKJV).

My friends, can you feel the weight of the sin being imputed to the King of Glory, the Prince of Peace, the Counselor, the Almighty God! Sins—past, present, and future—will be nailed to the cross with this substitutionary death. Jesus is well aware of the cup that He would have to drink. In His humanity He cries out to His Father; *"He went a little farther, and fell on the ground, and prayed that if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. 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'"* (Mark 14:35-36, NKJV).

We all know the rest of the story, but I want you to take from this passage that Jesus sought the deliverance of His Father. How about you today, my friends? Are you heavily laden by anything in your life today? Are you sorrowful for some event or diagnosis placed upon you? What troubles you today? I encourage you to follow the example of the Master. Fall on your knees and cry out to your heavenly Father. He is there for you, and He will answer your prayers if they are in line with His will for your life.

Please remember God allows us to go through some things to strengthen our faith and bring glory to His name. Just as Jesus brought glory and honor to the Father on the cross at Calvary, we too will play a part in perpetuating the kingdom of God through our time spent on this side of heaven. Are you ready?

PRAYER: Our Father in the heavens, in Jesus' name, we thank You for making Him who knew no sin, to be sin for us, so that we may become the righteous of God in Him. We thank You, Father, for Jesus breaking down the wall of separation that enables us to come before You, Your throne of grace with humble hearts and open minds. Father, please help us see You as Jesus sees You, as our Abba Father in whom all things are possible. We pray all these things in the name that is above all names, in Jesus Christ!

TOMORROW'S READING: Colossians 1

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