

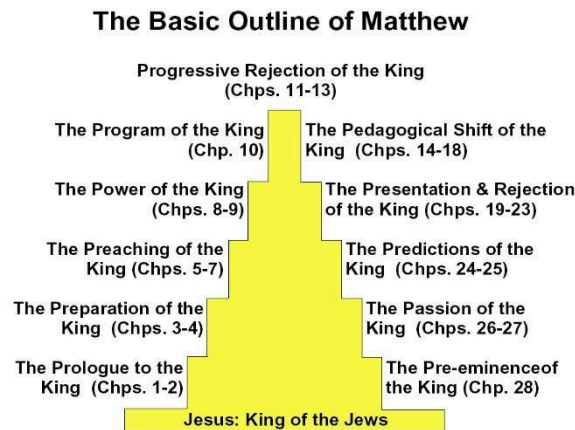
“LET THIS CUP PASS FROM ME”

{Matthew 26:36-46}

- Some of the symbols of Scripture:

A. The Examination of the CONTEXT. (Matthew 26:36-46)

1. The events of Matthew 26 occur during the “Passion Week”, immediately before the _____ of Jesus Christ and after the _____ discourse.
2. Generally, the book of Matthew has previously covered the following events in the life of Jesus:



3. Specifically, the following events have occurred previously during this week (taken from Doug Bookman at Jesus.org):

B. The Examination of the CONTENT of Jesus Christ’s Prayers. (Matthew 26:36-46)

1. The *place of Jesus’ prayers* was the _____. (26:36; Jn.18:2)
2. The _____ went with Jesus to the Garden, and _____ of them accompanied Him inside – Peter, James, and John. (26:37a)
3. The *emotional state of Jesus’ prayers* involved the reality that He “began to be _____ and _____”, “even to _____.” (26:37b – 38)
4. The *posture of Jesus’ prayers* was at first, He _____ (Lk. 22:41), then He fell _____ on His face. (26:39)
5. Jesus’ *first request in prayer* was, “O _____ Father, if it is possible, let this _____ from Me; nevertheless, _____, but as _____ will.” (26:39)
6. Jesus’ *mild rebuke to Peter* was, “What? Could you not _____ with Me one hour? _____ and _____, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is _____, but the flesh is _____.” (26:40-41)
7. Jesus’ *second request in prayer* was, “O My Father, if this _____ cannot _____ from Me _____ I drink it, _____ will be done.” (26:42)

8. Jesus' *third request in prayer* was the _____ as the second request. (26:44)

9. Jesus *then announces to the disciples*, "Behold, the _____ is _____, and the Son of Man is being _____ into the hands of _____. Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand." (26:45-46)

- What can we learn in this passage about Jesus Christ?

1) Though He was _____ (God), He was also fully _____ – yet without sin, experiencing _____ . {Heb. 4:14-16}

2) Though He knew what His death would involve, He still _____ to the will of the Father.

- What can we learn about prayer?

1) Prayer is a means of _____ with God, even in our time of deepest need.

2) We need to ultimately _____ our requests in prayer for _____ to be done, not ours!

- What can we learn in this passage about the way of human defeat in temptation? It oftentimes starts on the inside with _____ which leads to ... _____ and a lack of vigilance and prayer ... which makes one especially vulnerable to _____ temptation ... and then results in _____ sin.

C. The Examination of the CUP in Jesus Christ's Prayers.

1. The "cup" is referred to _____ times in Jesus' prayers in the Garden. (26:29, 42, 44)

2. The "cup" is in reference to "drinking" the _____ of God toward sinners (in light of their sins and His holiness) which Christ would experience and endure upon the cross. (Ps.11:6, 75:8, 116:13; Isa.51:17; Jer.25:15-17, 49:12; Ez.23:31-33)

3. The anticipation of the drinking of this "cup" brought Jesus Christ great emotional distress as He would experience for the first and only time in His eternal existence _____ from God, i.e. _____. (Matt.27:45-50; John 19:30)

- Why did Jesus Christ do this and what does this mean for you?

1) Because He _____ to fulfill _____. (Heb. 10:1-14)

2) Because He _____ you and wanted to _____ you. (Rom. 5:8)

3) Because He wanted to _____ the _____. (1 Cor. 15:3-4)

- What does this mean to you ...

... as a believer?

... as an unbeliever?