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WHAT WAS IN THE GARDEN CUP?

Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour (John 12:27).

When the Lord Jesus Christ, the Sinless Lamb of God, was in the Garden of Gethsemane, He prayed three times and asked His Father to "take away this cup from me." So, what was in the cup? Some have suggested, without reference to any verse in context, that Jesus, in a moment of human weakness, was asking the Father if there was another way other than the cross. This would mean that Jesus' prayer was a self-serving and self-centered attempt to abort His mission. The idea of a "moment of human weakness" also implies that His human nature was like ours rather than impeccable. The lack of hermeneutical soundness is a prevalent sign of preaching that has gone awry. Ps 11:3 If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do? The answer is: rebuild them by relearning the rules of hermeneutics.

A look at the Lord's prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane from the synoptic gospels is the best way to focus on the context. Before we do that, let's take a look at what was **not** in the cup. These verses in John make it clear that Jesus was not referring to Calvary in His garden prayer, for He knew His time to be crucified was very near.

John 12:23&27; 23 *And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. 27 Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.*

The context of the synoptic gospels will show that death was in the cup, but it was not His death at Calvary; rather, it was the immediate threat of His death in the Garden that prompted Him to pray three times saying, "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt."

Matt 26:37-39 *And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. 38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. 39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.* At this point He was about to physically die.

Mark 14:33-36 *And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy; 34 And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch. 35 And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. 36 And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; takeaway this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.*

Luke 22:41-45 *And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, 42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. 43 And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. 44 And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. 45 And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow.*

Our Lord's prayer was answered within moments when the angel came to strengthen Him and the cup of death, imminent death in the Garden, was soon removed. The Lord's sorrow and agony in the Garden was, in part, a fulfilling of the prophecies in Isa 53. Much of the mental suffering mentioned in Isaiah's prophecy, Christ experienced in the Garden of Gethsemane before His physical sufferings began.

It is my prayer that the Lord would help each of us to preach the text concerning Christ's passion with contextual soundness and give Him the glory that He truly is worthy to receive. May we never again hear someone preaching on Easter Sunday that Christ, in a moment of human weakness, was uncertain about His willingness to become our sacrifice. Never again, no; a 1000 times no!

Heb 12:2 *Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Oh, what a Saviour, what a victory, what a reason to celebrate Easter, resurrection day, and spread the gospel that Jesus preached about the kingdom of God and *all things new*.

PLEASE READ OUR FIELD REPORT AND PUTTER'S PEN ON THE BACK PAGE

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE FIELD

SOWING THE FIRST SEED

For so many years, our ministry was reaping where others had been sowing. Now it is just the opposite. I have learned to pray specifically for our new contacts. I ask the Father to lead me to souls who will receive His Son. And then I ask Him to give me the joy of leading those souls to Him (Jesus Christ). I may have enough space to tell you how that prayer was answered in sowing perhaps the first seed.

With my green-feathered, Austrian hat firmly fixed on my shivering head, I was out the door and headed to the mall. My routine is the same each Friday — food court, a drink and a slice of pizza. After getting the pizza, I slid my tray toward the spices. The young man in front of me took his spicing seriously. He shook each one of the four spice jars forever. I just patiently stood and watched. When he was finally done, I smiled and said, “Enjoy your pizza.” He nodded his head and walked away. A few minutes later he approached my table and asked if he could sit with me. We talked for a while and shared our life stories. He was a Russian Jew and worked with his father. When he asked me what I did, I told him that one of the things that I do is teach people how to understand their Bible by using the rules of hermeneutics. He said, “Wow, that’s interesting.” He actually knew what that meant. I started in Genesis 3 with Adam and Eve. He knew the story. When we got to the part with the fig leaves and the coats of skin, the next point was introducing Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God and challenging him to read Isaiah 53 and apply the rules that we discussed. Then I showed him how to download my Bible app on his phone. His short name is “J.” And the blessed Lord answered my prayer another time.

HEAVEN AND BEYOND

[Heaven and Beyond — Knowing the reality of your hope](#), was published in February. I can honestly say, that this writing project, has been one of the greatest joys of my life. It connected me to the Lord in a way that I had never experienced before. You may not believe it, but I don’t enjoy writing. Sometimes I can spend 10-12 hours at the keyboard and have only four or five pages finished. I just thought and prayed, “Lord I don’t understand how to do this. I need answers to questions with contexts to substantiate them. And it needs to harmonize from Genesis to Revelation.” I was amazed, as some of you may be, when you read the text and experience the outcome with me. My goal was to make this text an inside look at the subject using what I called “the Berean Principle.” I got this principle from reading this verse in Acts 17:11 *These [the Bereans] were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.*

Putter and I would love to teach anyone who would like to learn how by using your phone, Bible apps can help you to apply the Berean principle.



“PUTTER’S PEN” WRITES AGAIN

2Tim 2:15 *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

I trust you are enjoying the blessings of God in the land of the living this winter. Here in GA I do believe we are ready to build an ark; however, on the bright side, we will not have to worry about a drought any time soon. Praise the Lord, the skies are not the only thing showering on us; the Lord has showered us with His blessings.

I am receiving some good feedback for my book, *Approved and Not Ashamed*. It is being used by some home-school moms for a Bible class, and one church has taught it for a ladies seven-week Bible Study. I was privileged to sit in on the last two sessions of this Bible Study and hear from the ladies as to how clear and simple the material was to understand. The lady teaching was a wonderful teacher; she even brought out some things I wish I had thought to put in the book! She is a retired English teacher and when she began to speak, she made this comment, “I taught English and literature for over 20 years and I never had Shakespeare or any other author come to class as I taught their works. So tonight, I am a bit intimidated.”

Bless her heart, if she only knew how intimidated I was to know an English and literature teacher was teaching something I wrote; I kept thinking, “Lord, I sure pray I caught all my dangling participles, all the verbs and subjects were in agreement, and there were no misspelled words!”

Please pray with me that this book would be a tool for women and teach them how to study their Bible to be approved of God, and not ashamed.

Until next time, Jehovah-jireh,
“Putter”

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Isa. 41:10

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