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## An Exposition of the Book of Mark



### The Cup

Mark 14:32-52

#### Main Idea

Jesus drank the cup of God's wrath that you might taste the immensity of his sufficiency.

#### Overview

- **Jesus Tasted Your Pain That You Might Know His Love**
  - Author painting Picture of both Jesus being fully God and fully man
    - Gethsemane gives us a clear picture of the humanity of Jesus wrestling with obedience
      - Jesus had to be human in order to purchase mankind back from spiritual death
      - He was made like humanity in every way as we are (Heb. 2.14) yet w/o sin (2 Cor. 5.21)
    - Jesus asks for hour and cup to be removed from Him
      - Hour = Appointed time for him to go forward as a sacrifice for sin
      - Cup = Language of the 1T/OT regarding the Cup of Wrath/Fury of God (Hab. 2.16, Ez.23, Is. 51.7)
      - Jesus ultimate desire to be in the will of God
        - Not two wills of God ("not my will but your will") there is one will of God
        - We are seeing the humanity of Jesus wrestling w/ obedience, but ultimately he does obey illustrating how one wrestles in suffering & obeys
      - Why would He suffer so much? Why is He here in the Garden laboring so much though He had done no wrong?
        - Because we put Him there
        - He came to drink the Cup of God's wrath so that we who repent and believe do not have to
        - Christ endured this suffering that we might see, most clearly the love of God
        - Christ knew He would be disobeyed and yet He still went...this is LOVE!
  - **Jesus' love rises to meet & answer your betrayal**
    - Jesus drops off disciples and tells them to watch
      - Falls face down and prays
      - In His anguish, Jesus prayed (He always prayed)
    - Upon His return He finds the Disciples sleeping as they were the other two times He came to check on them
      - Jesus rebukes them & tells them to pray that THEY wouldn't fall into temptation
        - The Spirit is willing but the flesh is weak
    - Jesus comes out of the Garden with resolve, strengthened for what is coming
      - Rises to meet betrayers
      - Judas betrays
      - Disciples flee just as Jesus (and the Scriptures) said He would

- Jesus walked into all of this motivated by Love for His children

### Questions

*Discussion Starter: Discuss any time where someone has been able to identify with a particular struggle you have and how that encouraged you in your own struggle. OR Discuss some recent world events of catastrophic portions – how does Christianity make unique claims about suffering?*

1. How does the humanity of Jesus encourage you in the day to day?
2. How does Jesus struggling in the Garden possibly encourage you?
3. How is Jesus' "cup" different than other Christian martyrs?
4. Why did Jesus have to drink the "cup of God's Wrath?"
5. How do we live as if Jesus sipped the cup and not drank it dry?
6. What is the motive for all of this...i.e. why is Jesus walking INTO all of this?
7. Why could we conclude that this act of Love is the most significant acts of love in all of history?
8. Jesus enters the garden in anguish and leaves with great resolve. What makes the difference and how does this inform the way we live?
9. How are we similar to the Disciples in their behavior surrounding the events of this evening?
10. Why might prayer be so important?