

SERMON OUTLINE John 18:1-11

Shall I Not Drink the Cup?

A BRIEF WORD ON THE BACKGROUND

The Path to the Garden

The Garden Testimony

The Authorities and the Betrayal

The Tools of the Betrayal

The Need for Betrayal

JESUS KNEW WHAT TO EXPECT

JESUS CAME TO BE BETRAYED, ACCORDING TO GOD'S LOVING, ETERNAL PLAN, IN ORDER TO SAVE THE WORLD

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The big idea of this passage is that the time had come for Jesus to “drink the cup that the Father” had given Him—He knew exactly what was coming, because it was the loving, eternal plan of God, to save the world. The main takeaway for us is to humbly trust Jesus’ promises even when worldly reason suggests otherwise—especially His promise to save those who would trust in Him.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. What is the most shocked you’ve ever been?
3. What do you think of Pastor Dave’s comparison between a chef preparing a meal and a pastor preparing a sermon?
4. Which background aspect of the sermon most helps you find nourishment and joy in the substance of the sermon?
5. What do you make of the various aspects of Judas’s betrayal (Psalm, foreknown, Satan, he sought it, we share in it, etc.)?
6. In what ways is your life shaped by your belief in the omniscience of God?
7. Have you ever thought of Judas as representing you?
8. Does the fact that Judas’s betrayal was an instrument used by God seem good/fair to you?
9. Talk about this sentence: It was the loving, eternal plan of the godhead to send Jesus into the world, to be betrayed by Judas because He’d already been betrayed by the whole world, in order to save the world.
10. How does this text/sermon help you to see the need to trust in God’s Word/promises over your own reason?
11. In what ways did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

12. Read the rest of John, chapters 18-21 to prepare yourself for the rest of our time in the Gospel.
13. Spend some time in the “kitchen” of John this week. Read through a good commentary or watch a “Look at the Book.”
14. Listen to Doug Bookman’s Holy Week lectures (we have them available to download).
15. Spend some time carefully considering how the Bible describes the things you see in nature point to God or His plans.
16. Set aside extra time this week for your devotions. Ask God in earnest to help you drink deeply and eat until you are satisfied.
17. Try to artistically capture the events of our passage (poetry, painting, drawing, music, sculpture, etc.).
18. Share the gospel with someone this week by explaining how they are connected to Judas.
19. Do your best to share the entire story of the Bible in less than two minutes with your family or DG.
20. Ask two different people in your family or DG (1) One thing they got from this sermon, and (2) How you can pray for them.
21. Ask God to show you one specific thing you ought to do differently as a result of this text or sermon? Share that and pray about it with someone in your DG. Continue praying for and checking in with each other until you’ve both done it.

PRAYER POINTS

22. Adoration. Praise God for being omniscient, omnibenevolent, omnipotent, omni-loving, and transcendent. Praise God for being the greatest treasure, gracious, and patient. Praise God that He is filled with loving-kindness.
23. Confess. Confess any ways you’ve betrayed God or one of His image-bearers. Confess any pride that has kept you from seeing the Judas in you. Confess being unmoved or undermoved by the glory of God in the salvation of Jesus. Confess any ways you’ve trusted in your own reason above God’s Word.
24. Thanksgiving. Thank God for His grace and mercy in you. Thank God for saving a betrayer like you. Thank God for Jesus.
25. Supplication. Ask God to save your neighbors, to make you satisfied in Him above all, and to fill us with Christ-like faith in Him