

NOT WHAT I WILL BUT WHAT THOU WILT

MARK 14

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³⁶ And he said, Abba, Father, all things *are* possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.

Introduction:

The supper had ended and the precious words you find in John 14:17 had been spoken. Christ and his disciples arose from the table in the upper room and went down the steps through the streets of Jerusalem, out the gate into the garden of Gethsemane.

In a garden, the first man fell through yielding to the wicked one and in a garden, the second man would now conquer through yielding to the Holy one.

1. A PLACE OF SORROW (VS. 37)

Mark 14:37

³⁷ And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour?

He had always been the Man of Sorrow but all other sorrow was just drops of water compared to the waves and billows that went over Him here.

A. Sorrow from the corruption of His people.
(John 1:11)

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¹¹ He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

B. Sorrow from the carnality of His disciples.
(Judas gone, Peter filled with carnality, James and John asleep).

C. Sorrow from the cup of His Father. In that cup was sin, death, judgment but He drank it and tread the wine press alone.

2. A PLACE OF SUFFERING (VS. 38)

Mark 14:38

³⁸ Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly *is* ready, but the flesh *is* weak.

Sin and suffering always go together. (Compare Adam, Lot, David).

A. He suffered from sin. (Isa.53:10; II Cor.5:21, I Peter 2:24).

Isaiah 53:10

¹⁰ Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

2 Corinthians 5:21

²¹ For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

1 Peter 2:24

²⁴ Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

The difference in the religion of the world and Christianity is that religion is trying to do something for their God and in Christianity; God does something for the people.

B. He suffered from Satan.

C. He suffered from the Sovereign God (Isa. 53:10)

3. A PLACE OF SUPPLICATION (VS. 39)

Mark 14:39

³⁹ And again he went away, and prayed, and spake the same words.

The greatest example that we have of prayer is the prayer life of our Savior.

I believe that this important part is missing in most churches and the individual's lives that make up churches.

We have:

- Biggest Churches
- Christian Schools
- Colleges
- Money
- Buses
- Buildings

With all these things why aren't we fulfilling the great commission?

I discovered one day an amazing thing. I discovered that Matthew 9 comes before Matthew 28.

(Mat 9:36-38) "But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. {37} Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;

{38} Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Wednesday night prayer meeting has been changed to Mid-week service.

Someone once said, "You will discover the popularity of a church by its attendance in Sunday School. You can tell the popularity of the preacher by the attendance on Sunday Night. You can tell the popularity of God by the attendance at Prayer Meeting.

Notice the pattern of prayer in the life of Jesus.

- The beginning of His ministry

Luke 3:21

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,

- The beginning of His day

Mark 1:35

³⁵ And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

- During the height of His ministry

Luke 5:15-16

¹⁵ But so much the more went there a fame abroad of him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities. ¹⁶ And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed.

- Before making a decision

Luke 6:12

¹² And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

- When He was alone with His disciples

Luke 9:18

¹⁸ And it came to pass, as he was alone praying, his disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, Whom say the people that I am?

- Before He ate

Luke 9:16

¹⁶ Then he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake, and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude.

- He prayed for others

Luke 22:31-32

³¹ And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired *to have you*, that he may sift *you* as wheat: ³² But I have prayed for

thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

Romans 8:27

²⁷ And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

Romans 8:34

³⁴ Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

Hebrews 7:25

²⁵ Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

- He prayed to stay away from temptation

Luke 11:2-4

² And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. ³ Give us day by day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

- He prayed for God's Will to be done

- His first words on the cross is a prayer

Luke 23:46

⁴⁶ And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

- His last words on the cross was a prayer

Luke 23:46

⁴⁶ And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

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