

Jesus' Prayers at Gethsemane by John MacArthur (The Jesus Answer Book)

When Jesus prayed in Gethsemane and asked if God would “take this cup away” (Luke 22:42), what exactly was Jesus referring to?

The “cup” was not merely death. It was not the physical pain of the cross. It was not the scourging or the humiliation. It was not the horrible thirst, the torture of having nails driven through His body, or the disgrace of being spat upon or beaten. It was not even all those things combined. All of those were the very things Christ Himself had said **NOT** to fear (Luke 12:4). What Christ dreaded most about the cross – the cup from which he asked to be delivered if possible – *was the outpouring of divine wrath he would have to endure from His holy Father.*

So when Christ prayed that if possible the cup might pass from Him, He spoke of drinking the cup of divine judgment. Do not imagine for a moment that Christ feared the earthly pain of crucifixion. He would not have trembled at the prospect of what men could do to Him. There was not one ounce of the fear of man in Him. **But He was to “bear the sins of many” (Hebrews 9:28) and the fullness of divine wrath would fall on him.**

In some mysterious way that our human minds could never fathom, God the Father would turn His face from Christ the Son, and Christ would bear the full brunt of the divine fury against sin, for you and for me. Christ walked the way of suffering and took the cup of holy wrath for you and me.

耶穌在客西馬尼園的禱告

當耶穌在客西馬尼園跪下禱告：“父阿，你若願意就把這杯撤去”（路加福音22:42），到底耶穌祈求的是什麼？

這「杯」不僅僅是死亡，但不是指著身體在十字架上所受的痛苦而言。這不是鞭打或羞辱，也不是那可怕的口渴，並身體被釘錘入的折磨，或者被吐口水或挨打的恥辱。它甚至不是所有這些可怕的苦難結合起來的痛楚。所有這些都是非常的事情，只是基督自己曾在路加福音12:4說過「不要害怕」。基督在十字架上最為難是祂要忍受從神，祂的聖父所流露的憤怒。

所以，當基督禱告，「父阿，你若願意就把這杯撤去」時，祂是指到要喝那位聖潔神審判的苦杯。不要想像基督會擔心塵世的受難痛苦。他不會在任何人的面前顫抖。祂沒有絲毫的恐懼。但他卻要“擔當了多人的罪”（希伯來書9:28）而要忍受父神的憤怒滿滿地落在他身上。

在無法揣測的奧秘裏，人的心永遠無法捉摸到的，就是父神竟然因著你和我的罪，會向祂的愛子以神聖的憤怒變臉審判。基督走上了受苦之路，是為了你和我喝尽了父神那憤怒審判的苦杯。