

All Things are Possible, But Not All Things are His Will

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Mark 14:35 – Jesus prayed that the cup would pass from him, because he knew that “all things were possible with his Father

- Jesus knew the will of his Father, but at the time of suffering, the flesh wanted deliverance
- He was filled with horror and deep distress
- His soul was crushed with grief to the point of death
- He needed support from his disciples – Stay here and watch and pray with me
- *Hebrews 5:7-9* Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered - obedience led to suffering and death.
- Christ’s whole earthly life was a process of denying himself and submitting to the will of God.
- He was willing to pay the price for our eternal salvation.
- We must be willing likewise to pay whatever the price for that which is priceless – **eternal life.**

Matthew 26:52-54 – Peter cut off the ear of the high priest’s servant

- Jesus told him to put up his sword, “Don’t you realize I could ask my Father for thousands (3,000-6,000) of angels to protect us, and he would send them instantly!”
- But if I did, how would the scriptures be fulfilled that describe what must happen now?
- Peter was always out of step with Jesus during his time of testing –
 - Jesus was praying - Peter was sleeping
 - Jesus was submitting – Peter was resisting
 - Jesus was suffering - Peter was warming by the enemies’ fire
 - Jesus was accepting their accusations – Peter was denying he knew him

John 19:11 - Pilate, saying he had the power to crucify Jesus or to release him

- Jesus replied, “You would have no power over me at all unless it were given to you from above.
- Gird up the loins of your mind; be sober
- But as he which hath called you is holy so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written Be ye holy for I am holy.

Jesus knew his Father was a God of provisions - He provide Abraham with a sacrificial lamb to replace Isaac, but there was not substitute for Jesus! It was possible, but not the Father’s will to deliver Him.