

Read Luke 22:39-46

*"Father, if You are willing, take this cup away from Me — nevertheless, not My will, but Yours, be done."
Luke 22:42 (HCSB)*

Jesus was fully God and fully man. In this passage we see the humanity of Jesus as He struggles with the will of the Father in light of His imminent suffering and death. Jesus realized that in a few short hours He would carry the weight of the world's sin in his body. The Scripture states that, "He who knew no sin became sin for us that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

As Jesus prayed in the garden of Gethsemane, He prayed with such intensity that His "sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground." (verse 44) On the one hand He wanted the Father to remove the cup of suffering. On the other hand He realized that same suffering and death were necessary for the salvation of precious souls and the fulfillment of the Father's plan for Him. Therefore, He ultimately prayed, "Not my will but Yours be done."

Above all Jesus wanted the will of the Father to be carried out in His life.

Prayer

Pray today that you would be willing to lay down your own plans, preferences and your own agenda for your church in order that the plan of God might be carried out. Pray as Jesus did, "Not my will but Yours be done."