

**Sermon: Only Jesus.**  
**Series: Luke: The Gospel for Everyone.**

**Scripture: Luke 22:39-71**  
**Date: March 29, 2026**

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**OBSERVATION** -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

**INTERPRETATION** -- Answer these questions together:

**1. What does this passage teach us about us?**

a) Read v.66-71. During his trial, Jesus claimed to be the Christ, the Son of Man, and the Son of God. Why can't people just ignore these claims? What are the implications for our lives if they are true? Remember: Christ = Messiah, God's anointed hero who will bring salvation. Son of Man = From Daniel 7:13-14, a divine figure who rules the world. Son of God = Both a Davidic King (see Psalm 2) and the divine God the Son (Jn 1:14).

**2. What does this passage teach us about God?**

a) When Jesus prayed for God to remove the cup, he meant the cup of God's wrath (see Psalm 75:8). God's wrath is his just and settled opposition to sin. Do you struggle in any way with the idea of God being wrathful or with the cross of Jesus satisfying God's wrath? Consider also Romans 3:23-26 together where the word propitiation means "satisfaction of divine wrath."

**3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?**

a) Consider Jesus' prayer in v.42. How are both his humanity and his divinity on display here? Why must Jesus be both human and divine in order for him to drink the cup of God's wrath for us?

b) Compare Luke 22:42 to Hebrews 5:7-8. How does Hebrews 5 explain what happened in the Garden of Gethsemane? How do you understand the idea that Jesus had to learn obedience through suffering?

**APPLICATION**

a) We talked about three negative ways to respond to Jesus and his claims: Mock him, eliminate him, or deny him. We might mock him by refusing to take him seriously. We may eliminate him by ignoring him or by trying to be so good that we are never confronted by him, and we might deny him by our self-righteousness or self-contempt. Where do you see yourself falling into one of these responses? How can trust in Christ replace trust in yourself?

b) We talked about how prayer can make us calm and self-controlled in our trial and sorrow. Which of these points stands out to you: Develop a prayer custom, pray honestly and earnestly, pray submissively, pray continually, and pray boldly knowing Jesus has already prayed for you. How can you put this point into practice this week?

**PRAYER**

- Praise God for his just and settled opposition to sin.
- Confess ways that you mocked, "eliminated," or denied Christ.
- Thank Jesus for drinking the cup of wrath in your place.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to pray like Jesus in the Garden.