

Light and Life: Jesus in the Gospel of John

Today's message: God's Good Plan

John 18:1-11 (ESV)

¹ When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. ² Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³ So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴ Then **Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him**, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" ⁵ They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "**I am he.**" Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶ When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷ So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." ⁸ Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." ⁹ This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." ¹⁰ Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) ¹¹ So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; **shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?**"

Jesus, Revealing God's Glory in ...

- His _____ in the face of opposition
- His _____ for His own
- His _____ to suffer for us
- His _____ to remove God's wrath

"The doctrine of propitiation is precisely this: that God loved the objects of His wrath (the world) so much that He gave His own Son to the end that He by His blood should make provision for the removal of His wrath. It was Christ's so to deal with the wrath that the loved would no longer be the objects of wrath, and love would achieve its aim of making the children of wrath the children of God's good pleasure." – John Murray, The Atonement

- God's _____ justified and justifying

Romans 3:23-26 (ESV)

²³ ... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. **This was to show God's righteousness**, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Every sin ever committed by every single person will be punished in in hell or it has already been paid for on the cross of Christ. But ALL will be atoned for, or else God ...

The Cup of God's Wrath:

Matthew 26:39 (ESV)

³⁹ And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, **let this cup pass from me**; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."

Psalm 75:8 (ESV)

⁸ For **in the hand of the LORD there is a cup** with foaming wine, well mixed, and he pours out from it, and all the wicked of the earth shall drain it down to the dregs.

Isaiah 51:17 (ESV)

¹⁷ Wake yourself, wake yourself, stand up, O Jerusalem, you who have drunk from the hand of the LORD **the cup of his wrath**, who have drunk to the dregs the bowl, the cup of staggering.

Why we must understand God's **wrath** (and the **propitiation** of Jesus):

1. Because it is the starting point of _____!
The Gospel teaches us of salvation, but salvation from what?
2. Because without it, Jesus may be easily dismissed as _____.
Jesus died so that I could ...?
3. Because without it, we will never understand the _____.
Jesus was no 'martyr'. He was our ...
4. Because without it, we cannot begin to understand _____,
_____, _____, or _____.

From objects of His **wrath** to recipients of His **love**:

1st John 4:7-10 (ESV)

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because **God is love**. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In **this is love**, not that we have loved God but that **he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins**.