



We fight to avoid suffering.

SERIES BIG IDEA:

Jesus is the Sovereign King who reveals God to us and brings us into the Kingdom of God.

²¹ And while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." ²² They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, "Surely you don't mean me, Lord?" ²³ Jesus replied, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴ The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born." ²⁵ Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, "Surely you don't mean me, Rabbi?" Jesus answered, "You have said so." ²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." ²⁷ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." ³⁰ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Matthew 26:21-30 (NIV)

Jesus is the suffering Messiah who willingly sacrifices His life to establish a new covenant with many for the forgiveness of sins.

³⁶ Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷ He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." ³⁹ Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

Matthew 26:36-39 (NIV)

Jesus prayed to have the strength to submit to God's will and endure suffering.

⁴⁰ Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. ⁴¹ "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Matthew 26:40-41 (NIV)

- **Jesus was empowered as He submitted to God the Father's will through prayer.**
- **Where the disciples failed, Jesus overcame the will of the flesh by yielding to the will of God the Father.**

⁴⁵ Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

Matthew 26:45-46 (NIV)

⁵⁰ Jesus replied, "Do what you came for, friend." Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. ⁵¹ With that, one of Jesus' companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁵² "Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. ⁵³ Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?"

Matthew 26:50-54 (NIV)

Jesus didn't draw a sword. He wielded the love of God.

Love is the power to suffer for the glory of God and for the sake of others.

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

1 John 3:16 (NIV)

THE OVERCOMING
MESSIAH

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MESSIAH

GOSPEL
MATTHEW



TEACHING BIG IDEA:

Jesus, our loving King who Saves, endured suffering by yielding to God's will.

Each of us must decide: Will it be the sword or the cup? Will I resist God's will or submit to God's will? The cup usually involves suffering, but that suffering ultimately leads to glory. We need not fear the cup, for it has been prepared by the Father especially for us. He knows how much we can take, and He mixes the contents in wisdom and love.

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I share in Jesus' sufferings when I endure suffering for the glory of God and for the sake of others.



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TEACHING SUMMARY:

No one likes to suffer because we love ourselves. However, we will suffer for the sake of someone else because we love them as much as we love ourselves.

Jesus the Messiah became one of us so He could suffer for us. On the night before Jesus' crucifixion, He would have the Passover meal with His disciples—all who would reject Him and one who would betray Him.

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus would yield to God's will through prayer. Laying down His own will was a choice to suffer. Through prayer, Jesus was empowered to submit fully to God's will for the glory of God and for the sake of humanity. Jesus would bear in His body the agony of all of humanity's sins so He could forgive those who trust in Him.

Jesus overcame the will of His flesh by yielding to the will of God the Father. Jesus endured suffering so He could become our loving King who Saves. We share in Jesus' suffering when we endure suffering for the glory of God and for the sake of others.

TALK-IT-OVER:

What is your default response to suffering?

How does knowing that Jesus chose to endure suffering on your behalf lead you to respond?

Where do you need to choose to endure suffering for God's glory or on behalf of others?

What is one next step you need to take today?

Who do you need to tell about what you've learned?

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING:

Day 1) John 14:5-11

Day 2) John 4:33-34, 5:30, 6:37-39

Day 3) Matthew 6:9-13 (see verse 10)

Day 4) Genesis 2:16-17, 3:1-19

Day 5) Isaiah 53:4-6

Day 6) 2 Corinthians 12:9-10