“Thy Will Be Done”  
Mark 14:32-36

Longer passages are not quoted in the study sheet, but they can be read in the accompanying transcript.

At the ____________ moment of His life, the Lord Jesus said, “Thy Will Be Done.” We want to be able to say “Thy Will Be Done” in our _______ lives. God’s Word always gives us the _________ that we need to know the truth and to draw close to God.

A necessary __________ of life is that God is God, and we’re not; we’re human. God _______ our lives, and we should live according to His _______. When the Lord Jesus came into this world, He understood He was here to _____ the will of His Father in heaven. We too must do His will. Every facet of our lives __________ to God our Father, and the problems of this life arise when men ignore His will. We must _______ to pray, to speak, and to live a life that proclaims, “Thy will be done.”

When Jesus taught His disciples to _______ in the Sermon on the Mount, He said, “Pray, then, in this way: “Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your _______ be done on earth as it is in heaven” (Matthew 6:9-10). What if the will of God were done on __________ like it is in heaven? What if people were willing to set their _______ aside and to give their lives to the will of God? What if all the _______ in this world vanished and people set their hearts on righteousness?

So many problems in life come at the expense of people doing their _______ will and ignoring the will of the Father. The selfishness, the greed, the lust, and the pride of our time have __________ our lives, our homes, and our society untold pain and ruin. We desperately ________ God’s will in our lives. “Thy will be done” is not only a prayer; it’s a ________ of life.


“Thy will be done.” Jesus must have _________ it both difficult and yet fulfilling to pray that the Father’s will be done. While Jesus hated the thought of a scourging and an agonizing death, He knew it was necessary to fulfill His ___________ in life. While He hated the thought of bearing the punishment for the sins of the world, He loved the world and wanted it to be saved from _____.

The Bible presents a number of paradoxes about the Lord on the _________. A paradox is a situation that seems to be absurd or contradictory, and yet is in fact _______. For instance, the Bible says, “For our sake he made him to be sin who _______ no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21). Or 1 Peter 2:24 says, “He himself _______ our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. For by his _________ you have been healed.” The Holy Lord Jesus bore our sins at the cross so that we could __________ holy.

Hebrews 12:2 says that the Lord Jesus, “for the_________ that was set before him endured the cross, despising the ________, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.” He despised the pain and the shame but He loved the ______________ of what He did on the cross. He looked to the joy that was set before Him, the joy of men __________ forgiveness in His sacrifice. He didn’t want
to die, but His desire for our eternal salvation was ________ than His desire to live in the flesh. He rejoiced in the eternal, not the temporary, and He was glad to do the Father’s will.

Doing the Father’s will was not a ________ concept or behavior to Jesus. From the time that He was ________, He realized that He had come into this world to do the Father’s will. At age 12, Jesus was in the ____________ doing His Father’s business. When the devil tempted Him at age 30, Jesus said, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you ___________”’ (Matthew 4:10).

In John 4, Jesus passed through Samaria. Stopping at a __________ near the town of Sychar, Jesus sent his disciples into town for some food while He rested. At the well Jesus had a remarkable ________________ with a woman who had been married five times and was living with a man. When she learned that Jesus was the Messiah, she ran into town and ________ all the men of the town. The disciples began to __________ with the food that He had sent them for.

John 4:31-34 says: “Meanwhile the disciples were urging Him, ‘Rabbi, _______.’ But He said to them, ‘I have food to eat that you don’t know about.’ So the disciples were saying to one another, ‘No one brought Him anything to eat, did he?’ Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the ________ of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His _________.’” The Lord Jesus lived to do the will of His Father in heaven.

Jesus explained, “I can do nothing on My ________ initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not ________ My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me” (John 5:30). Jesus regarded the will of the Father as the perfect ______________ of right and wrong. He didn’t want to ________ from His Father’s will in any way, and so He listened to His Father. He made judgments of right and wrong only as the will of the Father instructed. He did not ________ on His own initiative.

In Jesus’ heart and in His mind, keeping the will of the Father was how He remained in a __________ relationship with His Father. The Lord said to His disciples on the night before He died, “Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. If you ________ My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have ________ My Father’s commandments and abide in His love” (John 15:9-10). Abiding in the Father’s will was an ________ of love and devotion. Keeping the Lord’s commandments is how we demonstrate our love to the Lord and remain in His love. First John 2:3-5 says, “By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we ________ His commandments. The one who says, ‘I’ve come to know Him,’ and doesn’t keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected.” Our love for God moves us to be obedient to His will and to keep His commandments.

When Jesus was told that His family was outside the house and had come to speak to Him, Jesus asked, “Who is My mother and who are My brothers?” And stretching out His hand toward His disciples, He said, ‘Behold My mother and My brothers! For whoever ________ the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother’” (Matthew 12:48-50). Jesus claimed a close kinship to anyone who does the ________ of His Father in heaven. He wants to be close to us, too.

On the other hand, Jesus, when He finished the Sermon on the Mount said, “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the ________ of My
Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, didn’t we prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you who practice lawlessness’” (Matthew 7:21-23).

The Lord knew people would ________ to have a close relationship with Him, while they lived lawlessly. They wanted the blessing of Christianity, but didn’t ________ to the will of the Father in heaven. The Lord Jesus never knew them. He never had a relationship with them. They never belonged to Him because they lived life on their own lawless terms and would not ________ the will of the Father. You can’t live by your own will and expect to ________ the Lord.

You can’t draw close to God while you turn your back on what the Father __________. You obey God by obeying what He teaches, not by ________ that you love Him while living the way you desire. A person who lives in lawlessness says to the Lord, “Not Your will be done, but ________.” He lives by his own ________ and he ignores God’s ________. He hasn’t set his ________ on the Father’s will but on pleasing himself.

A person who plays by his own will thinks he’s an _____________. He thinks his sins aren’t as ________ as other people’s sins. He does as he pleases and he _________ the Lord will still consider that as obedience. He counts on his own ________, not on God’s will, to assure him of a place in heaven. The Lord’s rejection is going to ________ him.

We should ________ to follow the will of the Lord. It’s not only going to bless _____ when we do that, but it will also bless ____________ around us. The Bible says, “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may ________ what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect” (Romans 12:2). Doing God’s will shows everybody the ________ of the Lord’s way! It’s a good way and an acceptable way and the perfect way.

Jesus taught us to ________, “Thy will be done.” Have you thought about how radically different and better our world would be if people ________ did the will of God? God’s will for our lives is no ________ matter. If people did God’s will, crime would disappear, the moral climate of this country would drastically change, and people would be more loving and less selfish. We’d keep the golden _________. Jesus taught, “In everything, therefore, treat people the ________ way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets” (Matthew 7:12).

If we did God’s will on earth, as it is in heaven, God’s Word would have a ________ of priority in our lives and decisions. We’d be asking the ________, “What does God’s Word have to say about this matter or that matter?” We’d realize that the God who ________ us knows us better than we know ourselves and He ________ us in His Word, the Bible, what is best. We’d make our life ________ and we’d think of right and wrong on the basis of God’s teaching, not our opinions or even our culture.

If we did God’s will on earth, we’d begin to ________ as a people again. We’d realize that nothing ________ can happen without God’s blessing and favor. We’d seek His face. What does that mean, to “seek His face”? It means that we’d look to God for ________ and for the answers of life. When Solomon became king, he asked God for ____________ to know how to lead the people of Israel. He
worried about what might happen if Israel forsook the Lord and faced famine or were defeated in battle. Solomon asked God to be willing to __________ His people.

The Lord God answered Solomon’s prayer with this promise, “If…My people who are called by My name __________ themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land” (2 Chronicles 7:13-14). God wants to draw ________ to His people, and when His people in humble hearts, turn from their wicked ways, and pray to Him, God will hear their prayers and He will heal them.

If God’s will were truly done on earth, we’d stop __________ God’s name being taken in vain and we’d stop hearing all the filthy talk. Ephesians 4:29 says, “Let no unwholesome ________ proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.” I tell you, words are ____________; and our speech should be gracious, seasoned with salt, as we ought to speak.

If God’s will were done on earth, we’d set our hearts on things that __________ rather than concentrate on things that ________. The Bible says, “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things” (Philippians 4:8). What we think about shapes our ____________. When our minds concentrate on the good, we see good all around us; and we become ___________ people. If we think about the evil, it won’t be long before we __________ evil people. The Bible says, “Do not be deceived: ‘Bad company ________ good morals’” (1 Corinthians 15:33). When what is bad fills our ________, then evil begins to fill our ________.

If God’s will were done on earth, we’d think more about the Lord and about heaven. **Read what the Bible says in Colossians 3:1-4.**

What are you going to do with your life? Does your life _________ that the will of God is good and acceptable and perfect? My friend, are you doing the will of the Father?

The Lord Jesus told Nicodemus unless he was born of water and the Spirit, he could not ________ the kingdom of God (John 3:5). Jesus was emphatic about it and He said, “Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘You ________ be born again.’” Some people think when it comes to salvation and life that the will of God is ___________ and doesn’t matter, but nothing could be farther from the truth. **Read what the apostle John wrote in John 1:11-13.** You cannot be saved by substituting some __________ plan for God’s will. We have to realize that necessary lesson of life: that God is God, and we are human. We cannot _______ or overrule the will of God. If we are saved by God’s ________ , it will only be by His will. To do His will we must ________ and ________ the New Testament.

What is the will of God for us to do to be __________? Upon hearing the gospel of Jesus, we must ___________ that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. We must _________ of our sins and turn to righteousness. We must be willing to __________ our faith in Christ and be ___________. Baptism is that new _________ in water and the Spirit. The Bible teaches that we must be born again. Baptism is an immersion in water in the name of Jesus Christ so that our sins will be ___________. When we’re baptized, God washes away our sins (Acts 22:16). That old man of sin dies, and we’re born again to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:4). I pray that you will do the will of God today.