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Who is the greatest in the kingdom? Who will sit in the seats of highest honor? Who will have status in the kingdom? <u>Philippians 2:7, "but emptied Himself, [by]</u> taking the form of a <u>bond-servant</u>, and being made in the likeness of men."

μορφή *morphē* "form, outward appearance, shape or expression; used of the nature, essence of something" cf. vs. 6

δούλος *doulos* Noun gen masc sing slave; slavish, servile Phil. 2:8, "Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." Matt. 20:20, "Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him.

<u>Matt. 20:21</u>, "And He said to her, 'What do you wish?' She said to Him, 'Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, <u>in Your</u> <u>kingdom</u>.'"

Mark 10:35, "Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, 'Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask.'

Mark 10:36, "And He said to them, 'What do you want Me to do for you?'

<u>Mark 10:37</u>, "They said to Him, 'Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, <u>in Your</u> <u>glory</u>.'" <u>Matt. 20:22</u>, "But Jesus answered and said, 'You [Y'all] do not know what you [Y'all] ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and [be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?]' They said to Him, 'We are able.'

<u>Matt. 20:23</u>, "So He said to them, 'You will indeed <u>drink My cup</u>, and <u>[be baptized with</u> <u>the baptism that I am baptized with]</u>; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared by My Father.'" Matt. 20:22, "But Jesus answered and said, 'You [Y'all] do not know what you [Y'all] ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and [be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?]' They said to Him, 'We are able.'

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So Jesus said to them, 'You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized;'"

\*No textual variants

<u>baptize</u> [Greek, (*baptizo*), to dip, to plunge, to immerse] As an action it signified the identification of someone with an action, a person, an object, or a new status in life.

## **Eight Baptisms in the New Testament**

- 1. The three ritual [water] baptisms are:
  - a. The baptism of Jesus (Matt. 3:13–17).
  - b. The baptism of John the Baptist (Matt. 3:1–11).

c. The baptism of believers (Acts 2:38, 41; 8:36–38).

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2. The five real [dry] baptisms are:

- a. The baptism of Noah (1 Pet. 3:20–21).
- b. The baptism of Moses (1 Cor. 10:2).
- c. The baptism of fire (Matt. 3:11–12).
- d. The baptism of the cup.
- e. The baptism by means of the Holy Spirit.

John 18:11, "So Jesus said to Peter, 'Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?'" Matt. 26:39, "He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, 'O My Father, if it is possible, <u>let this cup pass from Me</u>; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.'"

Matt. 26:42, "Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, 'O My Father, if <u>this</u> <u>cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it</u>, Your will be done.' "

Mark 14:36, "And He said, 'Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. <u>Take this cup away</u> from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will.' "

Luke 22:42, "saying, 'Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.'"

## **Conclusion**:

Since Matthew and Mark both clearly state that Jesus said the disciples would both drink the same cup and be baptized by the same baptism, the imagery cannot be narrowed to the cross alone, because only Jesus went to the cross.

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To be baptized with the cup and to drink the cup meant that, like Jesus, disciples will also encounter unjust and undeserved suffering because of their faith in Christ. <u>1 Pet. 1:11</u>, "searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand <u>the sufferings of</u> <u>Christ and the glories</u> that would follow." <u>1 Pet. 2:19</u>, "For this is commendable [grace], if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.

<u>1 Pet. 2:20</u>, "For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God." <u>1 Pet. 2:21</u>, "For to this you were called, because Christ also <u>suffered for us</u>, <u>leaving us</u> <u>an example</u>, that you should follow His steps:

<u>1 Pet. 2:22,</u> "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth;

<u>1 Pet. 2:23</u>, "who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;

<u>1 Pet. 2:24</u>, "who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed." <u>1 Pet. 3:13,</u> "And who is he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good?

<u>1 Pet. 3:14</u>, "But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. 'And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled.'" <u>1 Pet. 3:16</u>, "having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.

<u>1 Pet. 3:17</u>, "For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil." <u>1 Pet. 3:18,</u> "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit," <u>1 Pet. 4:1</u>, "Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind [thinking, mental attitude], for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,

<u>1 Pet. 4:2</u>, "that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God." <u>1 Pet. 4:12</u>, "Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;

<u>1 Pet. 4:13</u>, "but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy."

## 2 Tim. 3:12, "Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution."