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Jesus, our Lord, was handed over to death because of our failures and was brought back to life so that we could receive God's approval.

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**The greatest spiritual battle
in the history of the world?**



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‘The issue is not whether or not Jesus should accept the Father’s purpose, but whether that purpose need include the horrifying cup of vicarious suffering, or whether there is some other way.’



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He chooses to obey God the Father and to follow the way that can save you and me



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Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God...



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Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Hebrews 12:2-3



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Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God...



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—he could put up with anything along the way: cross, shame, whatever. And now he's there, in the place of honour, right alongside God.



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When you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over that story again, item by item, that long litany of hostility he plowed through. That will shoot adrenaline into your souls!

Hebrews 12:2-3 (The Message)



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'Connect'

- *With God*
- *With each other*
- *With our neighbours*



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Jesus' relationship

- *With God the Father*
- *With the disciples*
- *With 'the crowd'*



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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." (v.39)



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- **The first thing Jesus does is pray to the Father**



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- **Jesus makes sure that he is not alone**



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"This sorrow is crushing my life out.
Stay here and keep vigil with me."

Matthew 26:38 (The Message)



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- **Jesus looks to the future – moves forward trusting in God the Father** (even though his prayer had been answered with a 'no')



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Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

- ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.*



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- ⁸ *And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!*
- ⁹ ***Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name...***



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*that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Philippians 2:5-11