

Question: Jesus' human will and God's Divine Will were inseparable. He never wavered from God's Will. That said, why did Jesus ask that the cup be passed from him? Was this a glimpse of his human will communicating with God's Will?

Answer: In response, the short answer is, yes. The theological answer is Jesus had two natures - divine and human, as he was God and man. Since the will is a faculty of the soul and a property of nature, and Jesus had two natures, it follows that Jesus had two wills - divine and human. His Divine Will (a property of his divine nature) was sinless and infallible, and his human will (a property of his assumed human nature) participated in the sinlessness and infallibility of his Divine Will. St. Paul affirms, "*though he was in the form of God... he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness*" (Phil. 2.6). In 'emptying himself' Jesus freely chose to condescend and assume human nature with its limitations, whereby the divine intellect illuminated his human intellect, and the Divine Will empowered his human will.

Therefore, when in the garden he asked his Father that the chalice be removed from him and that not his will, but the Father's will be done, it was an appeal of his human will to the Divine Will of the Father that no souls become lost. Luisa affirms in the 10pm Hour of the Passion:

"...wanting to give life to all and to offer solemn reparation to the Father for the rebellion of souls, as many as three times You repeat: 'Father, if it is possible, let this chalice pass from Me - that is, the chalice of souls who, by withdrawing from Our Will, becoming lost. Although this chalice of Mine is extremely bitter, [I repeat] not My will, but your Will be done.'"