



The Holy Grail depicted on a stained glass window at [Quimper Cathedral](#)

The “Holy Grail” is a legendary sacred object that is most often identified with the “cup” that Jesus used in his inauguration of the Last Supper the night before his death (**Luke 22:17-20**).

Legendary Development

One legend claims that this same cup that Jesus used at the Last Supper was used by Joseph of Arimathea to catch Christ’s blood as it tricked down his execution stake.

The term “Holy Grail” first appeared as a mystical item in late 12th century romances by the French poet Chrétien de Troyes.

Many commentators agree that the legend of the “Holy Grail” is likely drawn from older Celtic myths about magical, life-restoring cauldrons and vessels of abundance.

In some legends, the “Holy Grail” chalice has miraculous powers to heal the sick, feed the poor, and/or grant spiritual and/or physical regeneration.

Several European locations claim to house the “authentic” artifact of the “Holy Grail”, most notably the Valencia Cathedral in Spain, which showcases and venerates the “Chalice of Valencia”.

In Pop culture, “bloodline conspiracies” about the “Holy Grail” were popularized in *The Da*

Vinci Code, and there have also been complicated fictionalized stories about searches for the “Holy Grail”, as popularized in *Indiana Jones* and *Monty Python*.

BIBLICAL ANALYSIS of the “Holy Grail”

The literal wine cup that Jesus used during his inauguration of the Last Supper is never mentioned again in the Bible. The fact is the exact cup that Jesus used the night before his death is not important, and never has been. What we do have in the Bible are principles to help us to govern our conduct, such as:

Counsel Against Legends

“keep away from those godless legends, which are not worth telling. Keep yourself in training for a godly life” (1 Timothy 4:7 GNB).

“Tell them to give up those legends and those long lists of ancestors, which only produce arguments; they do not serve God’s plan, which is known by faith” (1 Timothy 1:4 GNB).

Counsel Against Relics

“They and their kings will not defile my holy name any longer by their adulterous worship of other gods or by honoring the relics of their kings who have died ... Now let them stop worshiping other gods and honoring the relics of their kings, and I will live among them forever” (Ezekiel 43:7,9 NLT).

Counsel Against Idolatry

“We live by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7 NIV).

“Be on your guard against idols” (1 John 5:7 NAB).

Viewing the literal wine cup that Jesus used to inmate the celebration of the Last Supper as

something special is a form of idolatry, in violation of Bible principles.

CONCLUSION

In the Bible, Christians are encouraged to **“become mature in our understanding”**, and grow **“to understand what really matters”** (**Hebrews 6:1 NLT; Philippians 1:10 NLT**). Unfortunately, **“some people have missed this whole point. They have turned away from these things and spend their time in meaningless discussions”** (**1 Timothy 1:6 NLT**).

There is actually no such thing as a “Holy Grail”, and never has been.

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[What Happened To The Ark of The Covenant?](#)