

Real Refreshment: The Podcast - Mark Study Guide

Mark 14:1-72 → Rejection of the Servant

Begin by praying that God's Spirit will bless your time in His word, that He will teach you His truth, that He will meet you right where you are today as you seek Him. Next, read through the whole passage slowly. Try to step into the passage remembering that Mark is recounting real events as Peter told him.

Passage breakdown:

Mark 14:1-11

- What occasions were close at hand?
- How many days away were they?
- Who was seeking Christ?
- What were they wanting to do to Him?
- Were they willing to do it during the festivals?
- Why or why not?
- In what town was Jesus?
- At whose house was He?
- What was He doing there?
- Who came to Him?
- What was brought?
- What was done?
- Who remarked?
- What did they say?
- How did they characterize the act?
- What was the estimated value of the gift?
- How did they respond to the person who offered the sacrifice?
- How did Jesus respond?
- What did He say to them?
- What did He say had been done to Himself?
- Which one of the disciples left after this?
- Where did he go?
- What was his purpose?
- What was the disciple promised?

For further study see: Matthew 26:2-16 and Luke 22:1-6; 7:37-39 and John 12:1-8 noting the similarities and differences and remembering the different perspectives of the authors. Some scholars believe the anointing of Jesus to have occurred on a couple of occasions, not just one.

Mark 14:12-21

- Again, what was the occasion?
- What was sacrificed on this occasion?

Who asks Jesus a question?
What did they ask Him?
What was His answer? Be specific.
What did the disciples do in response?
How did they find things?
What did they do for the Passover?
When did Jesus arrive?
Who all was there?
How were they arranged at the table?
What did Jesus say to them?
How did they respond?
What was His response to their question?
What did Jesus say about His betrayer?

For further study see: Exodus 12:1-27 which recounts the initiation of Passover or the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Describe all that the people of God were to do on this occasion and why. This specific event is also recorded in Matthew 26:17-24 and Luke 22:7-23. Take some time to read all three noting the similarities and differences and remembering the different perspectives of the authors. According to John 13:1-30 what other significant service did Jesus do for His disciples which is left out of the other three gospels? Notice how the other three accounts fit into John's narrative.

Mark 14:22-31

Review, who is now gone?
What did Jesus do while they were eating?
What did He do with the bread?
What did Jesus tell the remaining disciples to do?
What did Jesus say the bread represented?
What did Jesus take next?
What did He do with it?
Who drank from it?
What did He say about it?
What did it represent?
Who was it for?
When would Jesus drink of it again?
What did the disciples and Jesus do before they went out?
Where did they go?
What did Jesus predict they would all do?
What did He say He would do?
Where then would He go (ahead of them)?
Who spoke up?
What did he assert?
What did Jesus predict this disciple would do?
In spite of this, what did this same disciple continue to insist?

For further study see: Matthew 26:26-34 and Luke 22:17-20 and John 13:31-38 noting the similarities and differences and remembering the different perspectives of the authors.

Mark 14:32-42

Where did they come to?
What did Jesus say to His disciples?
What did He say He was going to do?
Who did He take a little farther with Him?
What emotions did Jesus begin to exhibit?
What did He say to these disciples?
What did He ask them to do?
Where did Jesus go?
What did He do there?
What did He pray?
How did He address the Father?
What did He say was possible?
What did He ask be removed?
What did He ask take priority?
Returning to the disciples, how did He find them?
Which disciple did He single out?
What did He say to them?
What warning did Jesus give them?
What did Jesus do next?
What did He ask?
Upon returning a second time, how did He find the disciples?
How did they respond to Him?
How did He find them the third time?
What did He announce to them?
What did He say was happening?
Who was doing it?

For further study see: Matthew 26:36-41 and Luke 22:40-46 noting the similarities and differences and remembering the different perspectives of the authors.

Mark 14:43-52

Which disciple was leading the crowd?
With what was the crowd armed?
Who did they represent?
What was the designated signal?
What was to happen upon the signal?
How did the betrayer greet Jesus?
What did he do next to Jesus?
How did the crowd respond?
What did one of the other disciples draw?

What action did he take?
Who was targeted?
What resulted?
How did Jesus address the crowd?
Who fled?

For further study see: Matthew 26:47-56 and Luke 22:47-53 and John18:3-11 noting the similarities and differences and remembering the different perspectives of the authors.

Mark 14:53-65

Who led Jesus away?
To whom did they lead Him?
Who followed?
How did he follow?
Where did he go?
Who was he sitting with?
What was he doing there?
Who was trying to get testimony against Jesus?
Why?
Did they find any?
What was the problem with the testimony that was presented against Jesus?
What was said against Jesus?
What question did the high priest put to Jesus?
How did Jesus respond?
The high priest asked Jesus another question, what was it?
How did Jesus respond to this question?
How did the high priest respond to Jesus's answer?
How did he characterize Jesus's answer?
In response to this, how did the rest of the council do?
What did they believe Jesus deserved?
How did they treat Jesus?
What did they mockingly demand Jesus do?

For further study see: Matthew 26:57-68 and Luke 22:67-71 and John18:12-24 noting the similarities and differences and remembering the different perspectives of the authors.

Mark 14:66-72

Which of the disciples was in the courtyard?
What was he doing?
Who approached him?
What did she suggest?
How did he respond?
Where did he go after this first encounter?
What did the girl do?

On what did she insist?
How did the disciple respond?
Who then accused him?
What was the basis of their accusation?
How did the disciple respond this third time?
What happened immediately?
What did the disciple remember?
What did the disciple do when he remembered?

For further study see: Matthew 26:69-75 and Luke 22:56-62 and John 18:16-27 noting the similarities and differences and remembering the different perspectives of the authors.

Here are the “immediately” verses in this week’s passage. Note what action takes place immediately:

14:43
14:45
14:72

Take some time to read back over the passage and your notes. Are there parts of this passage that stand out to you? Pray that God will continue to teach you as you meditate on His word, the story of His Son, Jesus.

Consider this:

How have you come to Jesus?
What sacrifices have you made?
How might you have criticized others who have come or sacrificed?
Have you ever been fed-up with Jesus, seeking to betray Him? Why?
Do you acknowledge Jesus as the ultimate Passover Lamb?
Are you aware of your propensity to betray Jesus? Does it grieve you?
In what ways have you betrayed Him in thought, word and deed?
Do you know that He had to die for your sins?
Do you regularly participate in the celebration of the Lord’s Table?
Are you willing to die with Jesus?
In what ways have your thoughts or actions denied Him?
Do you practice keeping watch and praying?
Is your will submitted to the Father?
Who is Jesus to you? Rabi? Friend? Lord? Master? Savior?
Are you willing to defend the name of Jesus? How?
How do you follow Jesus? Closely or at a distance?
What makes you want to desert Him?
When asked if you are Jesus’s follower, how are you most likely to answer?
What is your response to the rooster’s crowing as you deny Him?