

Assignments on Mark 14

Please read Mark 14 and answer the following questions.

1. What time of year was it – 14:1? What did the Jewish leaders want to do, and what hindered them – 14:1,2?

2. Where did these events occur – 14:3? What did a woman do? According to John's account, who was the woman?

3. What criticism did some raise of the woman – 14:4,5? According to John's account, who primarily made the criticism and what was his motive?

4. According to 14:6,7, how did Jesus answer the criticism about giving money to the poor? Explain His meaning.

5. How did Jesus explain the act of the woman – 14:8? What prediction did He make about her act – 14:9?

6. Explain the agreement that Judas Iscariot made with the rulers of the Jews – 14:10,11. According to other accounts, how much was he paid?

7. **Special Assignment:** What can we learn about the character of Judas from this event? What lessons should we learn?

8. Describe the arrangements Jesus made to eat the Passover – 14:12-16.

9. As Jesus was eating the Passover with the apostles, what prediction did He make – 14:17,18? What question did the disciples ask in response – 14:19?

10. What answer did Jesus give to their question – 14:20? What further information did He give about the man who would betray Him – 14:21?

11. **Special Assignment:** What can we learn from the fact that Jesus predicted the betrayal ahead of time? Did God violate Judas' power of choice? What have we learned that shows that Judas was already corrupt?

12. As they were eating, what did Jesus do with the bread – 14:22? What significance did He attach to the act?

13. Considering the nature of the feast, what kind of bread was this? According to 1 Corinthians 5:6-8, why is the symbol of leaven significant?

14. Why was the Passover an appropriate time for Jesus to institute this memorial?

15. According to Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Corinthians 10:16,17, who should participate in the breaking of the bread?

16. **Case Study:** Some claim Jesus miraculously turned the bread and fruit of the vine into His literal body and blood, and that special priests do the same today – transubstantiation. Study the following passages and respond: Hebrews 10:1-4,9,10,18; 7:12-14; 1 Peter 2:5,9; 1 Timothy 2:5. What do the Scriptures say the elements were even after Jesus' instructions – Matthew 26:29; 1 Corinthians 11:26-28. What did Jesus really mean? Note John 15:1,5; 10:7,9.

17. What did Jesus do next – 14:23? What meaning did He give this element – 14:24?

18. **Case Study:** Some claim that Jesus took the cup so we must use only one container. Study carefully the passages about the Lord's Supper and watch for expressions that show whether the cup refers to the container or the contents (the element, the fruit the vine). Note Matthew 26:27,29; 1 Corinthians 10:16,17; Luke 22:17. Explain your response.

19. **Special Assignment:** Who is the "all" that should partake of the fruit of the vine – Matthew 26:27,28? See also 1 Corinthians 10:16,17; Matthew 20:28; Hebrews 2:10; 9:28.

20. How did Jesus identify what we drink in the Lord's Supper in Mark 14:25? What is meant by this expression?

21. When did Jesus say that He would drink the fruit of the vine new – 14:25? (Think: When was this fulfilled?)

22. Where did Jesus and His disciples go after He instituted the Lord's Supper – 14:26? What prediction did He make – 14:27?

23. What Old Testament Scripture would this fulfill? Where is it found?

24. How did Peter respond to the statement of Jesus – 14:29? What did Jesus predict Peter would do – 14:30?

25. How did Peter respond to the prediction of Jesus – 14:31? What should we learn from Peter's confidence?

26. Where did Jesus take the disciples? Whom did He take further with Him, and what did He ask them to do – 14:32-34?

27. Describe the prayer that He prayed – 14:35,36. Explain the meaning.

28. **Application:** List some lessons we can learn about prayer from Jesus' prayer in the garden.

29. **Application:** What lessons can we learn about obedience from the prayer of Jesus in the garden?

30. How many times did Jesus pray this prayer – 14:37-42? What did the disciples do while He was praying?

31. What did Jesus say to them about this? What lessons can we learn from 14:38?

32. What sign had Judas given to identify Jesus to His enemies – 14:43-45? Whom did he bring with him?

33. **Application:** What does the role of Judas in betraying Jesus reveal about his character? What lessons can we learn for ourselves?

34. When Jesus was arrested, what did one of His disciples do – 14:46,47? According to other passages, what disciple did this, and whom did he injure?

35. According to other accounts, what did Jesus do to the wounded man? What should His enemies have learned from this?

36. What did Jesus say to those who arrested Him – 14:48,49? Explain the significance.

37. What reason did Jesus give for allowing the arrest – 14:49? Explain it.

38. What did the disciples do when Jesus was arrested – 14:50? What prophecy of Jesus did this fulfill? (Think: What would have motivated the disciples to act this way?)

39. What did one particular young man do – 14:51,52? How did he escape?

40. Where was Jesus taken first after His arrest – 14:53? Who all were assembled?

41. Who followed – 14:54? Where did he go and what did he do?

42. What was the goal of the Jewish leaders in the first trial of Jesus – 14:55? What problem did the testimony have – 14:56?

43. What testimony did some false witnesses bear – 14:57-59? To what statement of Jesus did they refer, and how did their testimony compare to what Jesus really said?

44. How did Jesus respond to the testimony against Him – 14:60,61? (Think: Why would Jesus choose to not respond to the accusations?)

45. What question did the high priest ask Jesus that finally led to His condemnation – 14:61,62? How did Jesus respond to the question?

46. How did the high priest react to the answer Jesus gave – 14:63,64? What was the verdict of the council?

47. **Special Assignment:** Describe and explain the errors and illegalities committed by the Jewish leaders in this trial.

48. Describe the mockery that followed the verdict – 14:65. Explain why this would be especially difficult for Jesus to endure.

49. Describe what happened that led Peter to deny Jesus the first time – 14:66-68. What did Peter say in response to the accusation?

50. Describe what led to the second and third denials – 14:69-71. How did Peter react to the third accusation?

51. What happened after Peter's third denial – 14:72? How did Peter react?

52. **Application:** What lessons should we learn from Peter's denials?