

The Gospel Of Mark

Week 16 Review



This week's readings led us through the 1st Lord's Supper to the beginning sufferings of Jesus. Intense! That's the spirit of these encounters we are presented in Jesus' life. Let's review.

Mark 14:22-26

1. At this Passover meal Jesus transformed the meaning of the bread and wine. Our belief as a church is the bread and juice are representative of two aspects of Jesus: What are they? What is the purpose of partaking of the Lord's Supper?

Mark 12:27-31

1. Jesus tells the men that all of them will turn away from Him at a crisis moment. Why was this necessary according to V. 27?
2. What hope do you see for the men in v. 28?
3. Do you think Peter truly meant he would never run away and that he was willing to die if needed? How would verse 47 say Peter was willing to die? (John 18:10 tells us this was Peter)

Mark 14:32-42

1. Jesus was fully God and fully man - All the time. How does the humanity of Jesus reveal itself in these verses?
2. What about Jesus' prayer shows us His full surrender to the Father?
3. Prayer for Peter, James, and John was a battle. Why do you believe prayer is such a battle for most Christians?

Mark 14:43-52

1. A kiss was the customary greeting of friends. Sadly, Judas choose to use it to show his betrayal.
2. Earlier Jesus had said that all would run from Him so scripture would be fulfilled. He reiterated this, V.49 "...but the Scriptures must be fulfilled.' 50 Then they all deserted Him and ran away." To the finest detail, Scripture had to be fulfilled - Why?

3. Verse 52 - It is believed that the person referred to in verse 52 was the writer of this gospel - Mark. Why would the Holy Spirit inspire Mark to put this in? Remember, that the gospel of Mark is believed to be based on Simon Peter's accounts to Mark. (Ponder a moment before reading on)...
4. As to why Mark was led to include this, we can only speculate. One writer says that it may be that Mark was including some very harsh truths about Simon Peter's denials to come. Perhaps Mark wanted to make sure others understood that Simon Peter was not the only example of one who ran, the chosen disciples were not the only ones either, but men, as Mark, also fled.

Mark 14:53-65

1. What is telling about the phrase that Peter "followed at a distance"?
2. Jesus is asked if He was the Messiah. What is so very powerful about Jesus' answer in Verse 62? The fury of the religious leaders was deep. Jesus told them that He was the Messiah, He was the fulfillment of all Scripture - and they were going to be accountable to Him!
3. How did the religious leaders react? Does our proclaiming these same truths about Jesus still infuriate most of the world?