

PART ONE: The Passover Lamb

Mark 14:1-42

Read Mark 14:1-2.

1. Read Exodus 12:1-16 and briefly describe what the Passover Feast was to commemorate and how it was to be celebrated.

2. **THINK:** How does the Passover Feast point to Jesus? (John 1:29, 1 Corinthians 5:7, 1 Peter 1:19, Hebrews 9:12-14)

3. Read Exodus 12:17-20 and briefly describe the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

4. **THINK:** What significance do you think there was in celebrating the Feast of Unleavened Bread immediately after the Passover? What picture does it paint for believers in Jesus today? (1 Corinthians 5:6-8, Galatians 5:9)

Through the blood of Jesus Christ, our sins are washed away; and through our ongoing cooperation, the Holy Spirit molds us and transforms us into the image of Christ as we leave our old life behind.

Read Mark 14:3-9 and John 12:1-8.

5. Compare and contrast what Mary and Judas were focused on, and consider what each reveals about the motive behind their actions.

Mary: _____

Judas: _____

6. How did Jesus view Mary's use of the oil?

7. Judas criticized Mary for her service to the Lord. Read the following verses and record what you learn about choosing to serve the Lord in a world that may criticize you for it.

Psalm 119:109-112

Galatians 6:9

Ephesians 6:10

Hebrews 12:1-2

1 Peter 5:8-9

8. **THINK:** In what ways can we be guilty of criticizing someone's service to the Lord, and why do we trouble them in this way?

9. Take a moment to picture yourself at the feet of Jesus and pour out your heart of gratitude to Him for being your Passover Lamb.

Read Mark 14:10-11.

Judas had just been corrected by Jesus. He pointed to Mary's actions and called them wasteful, yet Jesus told Judas, "Let her alone." He went on to point out that what Mary had done was good, so good, in fact, that it would be remembered for all of time.

10. Where did Judas go after being corrected by Jesus, and what did he want to do when he left?

11. **THINK:** We know that God doesn't harden a soft heart but will use what is already there to accomplish His will. This means that even though Judas was being influenced by Satan, he was acting on his own will. What heart conditions do you think led Judas to do these things?

12. What does Hebrews 12:5-11 teach us about the heart of God and discipline?

13. According to Proverbs 8:33, how should we respond to God's correction?

14. **THINK:** Has there been an area in your life recently where God has given you correction? How have you responded to His correction, and why did you choose to respond that way?

Read Mark 14:12-26.

15. List the main events of this passage.

v. 12-16 _____

v. 17-21 _____

v. 22-26 _____

16. Note the two questions asked by the disciples in verse 12 and verse 19.

Question #1: _____

Questions #2: _____

17. **THINK:** How can you, as a disciple of Jesus Christ, apply these two questions in your daily walk with Him?

Judas did not like being corrected by Jesus and decided to leave and go where he wanted to go and do what he wanted to do. As disciples and followers of Jesus, we must seek Him for our daily assignments and be mindful that without the Holy Spirit convicting us of sin, we are also capable of anything.

18. Record the words of Jesus from Mark 14:21a.

19. **THINK:** What do you think Jesus meant when He said this? Consider John 10:17-18 when answering.

20. Look at the words following the word “but” in verse 21b. Jesus is giving a warning. What does this tell you about Jesus and ultimately Judas’ decision to follow through with his betrayal of Jesus?

In verses 22-25, Jesus gave the disciples a visual of what He meant when He said, “The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him.”

21. Record the actions of Jesus in verses 22-23.

Jesus was ushering in a new covenant. With His death and resurrection, man would no longer be under the law but under grace. He offered Himself as a perfect sacrifice for the atonement of our sins. In taking Jesus (the Bread of Life), who was blessed by His Father and broken for us, and recognizing Him (consuming the Bread) as our Savior, we are washed clean by His blood.

22. Look up the following verses and record some differences between the Old and the New Covenant.

Reference	Old Covenant	Reference	New Covenant
Hebrews 10:1,4		Hebrews 0:9-10	
Hebrews 10:11		Hebrews 10:12	
Exodus 24:12		Hebrews 10:16-17	
Hebrews 9:6-7		Hebrews 9:11-12	

Read Mark 14:27-31.

23. When Jesus told the disciples that one of them would betray Him, they asked, “Is it I?” Now, Jesus tells them that all will be “made to stumble” because of Him that night. How did Peter react to this news? (v. 29 and 31)

24. Jesus not only knew he would stumble but how he would stumble. He also knew the exact time it would happen and how many times he would do it! What can you learn about Jesus and yourself from this situation?

Read Mark 14:32-42.

25. Describe what Jesus did when he felt troubled and deeply distressed.

26. Jesus' warning gave Judas an opportunity to stop his acts of betrayal before it was too late. Here, we see Jesus warn Peter (Simon) as well. What was the warning? (v. 37-38)

27. **THINK:** How do think this related to Peter's denial of Jesus?

Watch – to take heed lest through remissness and indolence some destructive calamity suddenly overtake one, or lest one be led to forsake Christ.

28. Look back over your lesson and record everything you can learn about the heart of Jesus from these final hours of His human life.

PART TWO: A Focused Look at The Lord's Supper

Mark 14:22-25

Jesus and His disciples are in the Upper Room eating the Passover dinner. Jesus has just declared that one of them would betray Him. During dinner, Jesus institutes the first communion, also known as the Lord's Supper or the Lord's Table. As we look closely at this, we will learn the importance of remembrance.

29. Briefly describe what you know about communion.

30. Read Mark 14:22-25 and list all of the details.

31. Read Matthew 26:26-29 and Luke 22:15-20 and list any details these Gospels give in addition to Mark's Gospel.

Mark and Matthew both emphasize the new covenant. Luke adds the personal responsibility of remembrance of what Jesus will do or has done.

1 Corinthians 11:23-29 gives us great detail about the specifications for communion. Read through these verses and answer the following questions.

32. What else took place the night Jesus gave the first communion? (v. 23)

33. What are the three things He said about the bread? (v. 24)

34. What are the two things He said about the cup? (v. 25)

35. What do you proclaim when you eat the bread and drink the cup? (v. 26)

36. The word proclaim can mean to *proclaim publicly, to announce, declare, or make known*. Think about the *proclamation* you make when you take communion. When you take the bread and the cup, what are you truly saying to God, to yourself, and to others?

37. What are you not to do (v. 27) and what are you to do instead (v. 28)?

38. What is the consequence of taking communion in an unworthy manner? (vs. 27, 29)

Paul warns the Corinthian Christians to treat the Lord's Supper with reverence and to practice it in a spirit of self-examination. However, this is not written with the thought of excluding ourselves from the table, but of preparing us to receive with the right heart.

- David Guzik

When we take communion, we must do so in the right manner. It is a serious and reverent occasion. We can't just go through the motions of the church service. With bread and cup in hand, we must go before the Lord and ask for forgiveness. We must pause and remember the sacrifice He made. It should be a time to make our hearts right before Him. Let us not be like the disciples, who took the Lord's supper and immediately went out and denied Jesus.

39. Reflect back on the last time you took communion. Would you do anything different after this study?

What was done for us on the cross was a display of love and sacrifice beyond our comprehension. Jesus' love for us is immeasurable. This new covenant is something we must never forget.

40. Look up Ephesians 3:14-21 and list everything you see in these verses about Jesus' and the Father's love for you. Take your time; leave nothing out!

As we read in Part 1, *Jesus was ushering in a new covenant. With His death and resurrection, man would no longer be under the law but under grace.*

Let us live today in the freedom and blessing of the new covenant; knowing that we are cleansed from sin, that the Word of God is in our hearts and we can have a relationship with Him, and that we are transformed from within and can walk in the newness of life!

41. Are you living today with this knowledge? Is your heart overwhelmed with joy when you *do this in remembrance of Me*? Have you been prompted to change? Maybe you have been prompted to continue in faithfulness. Write out your response.
