

SERMON OUTLINE

In Mark 14:12-26 we are shown 4 events surrounding Jesus & the disciples' final Passover Feast.

- I. Jesus provides for the Passover Feast (vs. 12-16).
- II. The disciples prepare for the Passover Feast (v. 17).
- III. Jesus predicts His betrayer during the Passover Feast (vs. 18-21).
- IV. Jesus, the true Passover Lamb, institutes the Lord's Supper during the Passover Feast (vs. 22-26).

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, May 8, 2016

Passage: Mark 14:12-26

Memory Passage: Mark 14:24-25

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Exodus 12:1-20 & 43-51.** Write down everything you learn about the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

(b) This is a very familiar passage for most of us, so we want to make sure we are actually reading and processing carefully and not assuming that we have already learned everything there is to know. So without looking at what you wrote in question (a) and without rereading the Scripture, answer each of the following questions: (1) What were God's people commanded to actually do during the Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread? (2) What did God do in response to His people's obedience to these commands? (3) What significance would there be for each Jewish family as they annually observed the Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread (e.g. Of what would they be reminding themselves? What would the atmosphere in the home have been? What did they say about God? How did it affect their present? How did it affect their future? Etc.)?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Mark 14:12-26.** Why did the disciples need time to prepare for the Passover meal?

(b) What would have been the mood of the disciples as they approached the upper room to celebrate the Passover with Jesus?

(c) The disciples responded to Jesus' prediction with, "Is it I?" (v. 19). Was this an acceptable response? A complete response? What might they have also said? How would you have responded?

(d) What was significant about the fact that the betrayer was dipping bread with Jesus? What do you think the rest of the disciples thought at this point?

(e) Why would it have been better for Jesus' betrayer not to have been born, especially since Jesus "goes as it is written of him?"

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Ex. 24:1-11 & Heb. 9:11-28.** Explain the significance of the event described in Ex. 24.

(b) How does Hebrews 9 help you fully understand Exodus 24?

(c) What did you learn about "blood" and "blood of the covenant" from both passages?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Mark 14:12-26.** FYI: During the Passover the bread is referred to as "the bread of affliction" (cf. Deut. 16:3). Participants partake of 4 cups of wine to commemorate the 4 redemption promises made by God in Exodus 6:6-8. Jesus probably took the 3rd cup of the Passover meal, the Cup of Redemption, when he made his statement in v. 24.

(b) Fully explain the significance of Jesus' teaching that the bread is "my body" and the wine is "my blood of the covenant."

(c) The central emphasis of the Passover Feast is the lamb. What is the theological significance of its absence in vs. 22-25?

(d) In the 1st Passover either a lamb or a child died. Explain how Jesus is the New Covenant fulfillment of this fact.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Mark 14:12-26 & 1 Cor. 11:23-26.** Explain what Jesus is referring to in Mark 14:25.

(b) What are we "remembering" (1 Cor. 11:24-25) about Christ when we celebrate the Lord's Supper? How does celebrating the Lord's Supper "proclaim the Lord's death until he comes?"

(c) What are believers actually "doing" when they celebrate the Lord's Supper? Are we eating Jesus' flesh & blood? Upon what are we actually feeding? Is it merely a "memorial" of Christ's work or is there more to it? Explain your answers.

(d) Given the importance of this visual proclamation of the gospel, how often should we celebrate it as a body at BCC?

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The Lord's Supper