

Standing Firm for Jesus



MEMORY VERSE: “Abba, Father,” He cried out, “everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from Me. Yet I want Your will to be done, not Mine.”
Mark 14:36

DAY 1 MARK 14:1-9 — Great Love

1. Why did the religious leaders delay their plans to capture and kill Jesus? vv. 1-2
Read Exodus 12:3-13 and tell about the event in Jewish history.

2. Read verses 3-9. Why did Jesus defend the woman? How is this woman’s act of worship an example for you?

DAY 2 MARK 14:10-26 — Great Betrayal

3. Who went to the chief priests to betray Jesus? v. 10-11
Write some differences between the perfume lady and Judas.

4. Read verses 17-21. Even though Judas’ actions fulfilled prophecy, God did not prompt him to sin. What might have motivated Judas to betray Jesus? What do you think is the worst thing about this betrayal?

5. Read verses 22-26. In traditional Passover services the emphasis is on the sacrificial lamb. Where did Jesus place His emphasis? Why?

6. Read Luke 22:19. What is the meaning of the Lord's Supper? Why should we do it?

DAY 3 MARK 14:27-52 — Jesus in Gethsemane

7. Read verses 27-31. Jesus tells the disciples that they will all desert Him. What does Peter tell Jesus? What does Jesus tell Peter? What lessons can we learn from these verses?

8. Read verses 32-42. What did Jesus pray to His Father? Did God grant Jesus' request? Why is God's will always best?

9. Read verses 43-52. Why did Jesus say His arrest happened this way? What lessons do we learn from Jesus in these verses? What lessons do we learn from the disciples?

DAY 4 MARK 14:53-72 — Jesus Before the Council

10. Where did they take Jesus? Who followed? v. 53-54

11. Read verses 55-65. Why did the religious leaders have such a hard time convicting Jesus of any crime? How did Jesus reply to the question, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" What was the reaction as Jesus was taken away?
12. Read verses 66-72. What can we learn from Peter's denials? Why do you think Peter denied Christ though he was committed to Him? Why are things like this even mentioned in the Bible?

DAY 5 MARK 14 — Wrap Up

13. How did you see Jesus' determination and His compassion in this lesson?
14. Do your actions change based on who's around? Are you denying knowing Jesus in any area of your life? How do you think He feels about you when you fail Him?

TAKE AWAY

Let us remember to be determined to follow Jesus no matter what the cost and to be compassionate to others even if they don't deserve it.

BLESSING

Jesus welcomes us back, no matter how far away from Him we walk.

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The days before the crucifixion are like a seething cauldron. Things that simmered, boil: Judas' decision to betray Jesus becomes deed; Peter's bravado becomes denial; the priests' plans become deadly action. The anointing of Jesus is a bright spot in a dark scene. The Passover feast, when Jesus breaks bread and pours wine, is the high point. Judas' betrayal and Peter's denial are low points. Jesus' struggle in Gethsemane is the decisive point.

Lord's Supper: Jesus, by His sacrificial death, became the Passover offering. Old

ceremonies became obsolete. Believers would now celebrate the Lord's Supper. If we accept His sacrifice on our behalf we are people of the new covenant, acknowledging that His body was broken for us, His blood spilled for us. As you prepare to take communion, ask God to help you understand its significance.

Garden: Jesus' struggle testifies to His humanity. When we face intense struggles in our lives we know Jesus has been there! Whatever you face—pain, suffering, betrayal, rejection, doubt or confusion—He is with you.

Notes
