

# SACRIFICE AND COWARDICE: THE MESSIAH AND HIS FOLLOWERS

## Mark 14

Memorize God's Word for the week: Mark 14:36.

Discuss review questions from the previous lesson.

### **DAY 1: MARK 14:1-11—CONSECRATION AND BETRAYAL**

1. What did the religious leaders intend to do to Jesus?
2. Consider the events in Simon the Leper's home. First, focus on the woman. What does she do? What priority does she reveal?
3. How do the woman's critics react?
4. How does Jesus interpret and defend the woman's actions?
5. It can be costly to follow Christ. What does it cost this woman?
6. How is she rewarded for her sacrifice?

### **DAY 2: MARK 14:12-26—THE PASSOVER AND THE LAST SUPPER**

7. In the brief prediction of His betrayal, what does Jesus reveal about the identity and destiny of His betrayer (Mark 14:18-21)?
8. During the Passover meal, Jesus initiated what Christians call the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, Eucharist, or the Lord's Table (Mark 14:22-26). What is the significance of:
  - a. the bread?
  - b. the cup (see also Matthew 26:28)?
9. Why do we continue to observe this sacrament (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)?
10. In what way did Jesus fulfill the Passover, giving profound meaning to our celebration in our worship? (See also 1 Peter 1:18-21.)

**DAY 3: MARK 14:27-42—GETHSEMANE**

11. On the way to the Mount of Olives, Jesus and Peter are engaged in a conversation. As you “listen in,” what do you learn about:
  - a. the disciples, in general?
  
  - b. Jesus?
  
  - c. Peter, in particular?
12. How does Jesus resolve the spiritual and emotional struggles He faced in Gethsemane?
13. What does Jesus’ obedience accomplish (see Hebrews 5:7-9)?

**DAY 4: MARK 14:43-65—BETRAYAL AND ARREST**

14. How does Jesus’ prophecy in 14:27 come true?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
15. Have you ever had your friends desert you in a time of need? How does Hebrews 4:14-16 encourage your faith?

**DAY 5: MARK 14:66-72—PETER’S DENIAL**

16. What pressures may have caused Peter to deny Jesus?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
17. What external and/or internal pressures tempt you to compromise your convictions concerning Jesus and His place in your life?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
18. What did Peter do at the sound of the crowing rooster?

**DAY 6: PARTICIPATE IN CLASS**

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**APPLY** what you have learned. Before Peter’s denial, Jesus had said to him, “*When you have turned again, strengthen your brothers*” (Luke 22:32). In Acts, we observe incredible changes in Peter. Even when threatened, he confesses Christ boldly and powerfully. Peter is a great example of a person who learned and grew from his failure.

Have you had a chance recently to tell a nonbeliever about Jesus, or to encourage a believer going through a challenging time, but let fear keep you silent? Write out how you could have handled the situation differently—what you could have said or done to point that person to Jesus. Ask God to give you courage, then use your plan the next time a similar situation comes up.