

Jesus – God's servant doing God's will. Jesus is a man of action.

Let's review: In chapter 13

Jesus gives predictions about the end time:

Destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem

Caution about misleading teachings

Frightful things are going to happen, don't worry.

Be on guard and the Holy Spirit will help you.

ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION

Predicts persecution in the Tribulation and his second coming.

Chapter 14 is the Longest chapter in the Gospel of Mark

Lots of action in this chapter but it is action against Jesus by his enemies and friends.

Delivering himself into the hands of men as the perfect sacrifice.

Mark 14:1 (NASB) Now the Passover and Unleavened Bread was two days off; and the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to seize Him by stealth, and kill Him;

2 for they were saying, "Not during the festival, lest there be a riot of the people."

Two festivals: Passover and Unleavened Bread

Nothing new in these verses, but now Jesus' enemies are moving from just talking to action, they have had enough of the Gospel and of Jesus.

3 And while He was in Bethany at the home of Simon the leper, and reclining at the table, there came a woman with an alabaster vial of very costly perfume of pure nard; and she broke the vial and poured it over His head.

4 But **some** were indignantly remarking to one another, "Why has this perfume been wasted?"

5 "For this perfume might have been sold for over three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they were scolding her.

6 But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you bother her? She has done a good deed to Me.

7 "For the poor you always have with you, and whenever you wish, you can do them good; but you do not always have Me.

8 "She has done what she could; she has anointed My body beforehand for the burial.

9 "And truly I say to you, wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world, that also which this woman has done shall be spoken of in memory of her."

(Six days before the Passover)

"Given to the poor" – what were they were going to do with the money. John 12:5 Judas asked the question of the perfume. John 12:6 states that Judas was a thief.

Simon the Leper, possibly father of Lazarus, Martha and Mary. We assume Jesus healed him. It was against the law to come into the home of a leper, but Jesus made this man new. And he has made us all here new.

The Disciples and followers are under pressure at this time. Sometimes under pressure, you will lose your composure.

But you don't see the disciples anointing Jesus, just this woman. What a wonderful tribute to this Saint, she has been spoken of in the Gospels for centuries.

10 And Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went off to the chief priests, in order to betray Him to them.

11 And they were glad when they heard this, and promised to give him money. And he began seeking how to betray Him at an opportune time.

In my opinion, I think the anointing of Jesus was a stumbling block for Judas. Jesus is moving from one of the guys to King of Kings deserving anointing and praise. And rightly so.

Interesting interaction after this point: Judas trying to destroy him. Jesus knowing this and still working with Judas.

12 And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was being sacrificed, His disciples said to Him, "Where do You want us to go and prepare for You to eat the Passover?"

13 And He sent two of His disciples, and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him;

14 and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is My guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"'

15 "And he himself will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; and prepare for us there."

16 And the disciples went out, and came to the city, and found it just as He had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

Possibly a previous commitment on the room.

17 And when it was evening, He came with the twelve.

18 And as they were reclining at the table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly I say to you that one of you will betray Me—one who is eating with Me."

19 They began to be grieved and to say to Him one by one, "Surely not I?"

20 And He said to them, It is one of the twelve, one who dips with Me in the bowl.

21 "For the Son of Man to go, just as it is written of Him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born."

How very sad for Judas. Chance for Judas to repent missed. Judas is gone after this point before communion.

22 And while they were eating, He took some bread, and after a blessing He broke it; and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is My body."

23 And when He had taken a cup, and given thanks, He gave it to them; and they all drank from it.

24 And He said to them, "This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.

They are taking the first communion.

25 "Truly I say to you, I shall never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Jesus making a prophecy. His ministry started with wine, ending with absence of wine.

26 And after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

The modern church doesn't sing many hymns here, that's sad, because they are doctrinally important. Roy and Bess Malloy

27 And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away, because it is written, 'I WILL STRIKE DOWN THE SHEPHERD, AND THE SHEEP SHALL BE SCATTERED.' (Zachariah 13:7)

28 "But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee."

29 But Peter said to Him, Even though all may fall away, yet I will not."

30 And Jesus said to him, "Truly I say to you, that you yourself this very night, before a cock crows twice, shall three times deny Me."

31 But Peter kept saying insistently, Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" **And they all were saying the same thing, too.**

Were the apostles sincere? Yes, but they under estimated their own weakness.

32 And they came to a place named Gethsemane; and He *said to His disciples, "Sit here until I have prayed."

33 And He took with Him **Peter and James and John**, and began to be very distressed and troubled.

34 And He said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved to the point of death; remain here and keep watch."

They had been to Gethsemane many times. Judas knew this place. Gethsemane is a place of surrender, surrender to God's will. We will all have to come to a place of Gethsemane in our lives. There is freedom at Gethsemane.

35 And He went a little beyond them, and fell to the ground, and began to pray that if it were possible, the hour might pass Him by.

36 And He was saying, "Abba! Father! All things are possible for Thee; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what Thou wilt."

Two interesting words used: Hour and cup. Hour = time, cup = his death by crucifixion.

Hebrews 5:7 In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety.

37 And He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour?"

38 "Keep watching and praying, that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

39 And again He went away and prayed, saying the same words.

40 And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to answer Him.

41 And He came the third time, and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come; behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.

Sleep – when you are under great stress, sleep will help. It was too much for them. They should have been praying. Sometimes you must force the flesh to come into obedience. That is especially true if you have an addiction.

42 "Arise, let us be going; behold, the one who betrays Me is at hand!"

43 And immediately while He was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, came up, accompanied by a multitude with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.

44 Now he who was betraying Him had given them a signal, saying, "Whomever I shall kiss, He is the one; seize Him, and lead Him away under guard."

45 And after coming, he immediately went to Him, saying, "Rabbi!" and kissed Him.

46 And they laid hands on Him, and seized Him.

Jesus looked like everyone else, he could move around more easily. Notice how he handles Judas!

Isaiah 53:2 He has no stately form or majesty That we should look upon Him, Nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him.

That all changes when he arrives in Glory. Jesus is willing yielding himself to be a sacrifice for us.

47 But a certain one (**Peter**) of those who stood by drew his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

What about the other disciples?

48 And Jesus answered and said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me, as against a robber?"

49 "Every day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me; but this has happened that the Scriptures might be fulfilled."

Scriptures might be fulfilled – what does the scriptures say – there is the mobs escape. They didn't want to hear it.

50 And they all left Him and fled.

Zachariah 13:7 Strike the Shepherd that the sheep may be scattered

51 And a certain young man was following Him, wearing nothing but a linen sheet over his naked body; and they seized him.

52 But he left the linen sheet behind, and escaped naked.

We assume that this was Mark the writer of this Gospel

53 And they led Jesus away to the high priest; and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes gathered together.

54 And Peter had followed Him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the officers, and warming himself at the fire.

55 Now the chief priests and the whole Council kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus to put Him to death; and they were not finding any.

56 For many were giving false testimony against Him, and yet their testimony was not consistent.

57 And some stood up and began to give false testimony against Him, saying,

58 "We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands.'"

59 And not even in this respect was their testimony consistent.

60 And the high priest stood up and came forward and questioned Jesus, saying, "Do You make no answer? What is it that these men are testifying against You?"

61 But He kept silent, and made no answer. Again the high priest was questioning Him, and saying to Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?"

62 And Jesus said, "I am; and you shall see THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, and COMING WITH THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN."

Jesus affirmation of his deity. Ex 3:14 And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM";

63 And tearing his clothes, the high priest *said, "What further need do we have of witnesses?

Lev. 21:10 And the priest who is the highest among his brothers, on whose head the anointing oil has been poured, and who has been consecrated to wear the garments, shall not uncover his head, nor tear his clothes;

Violation – loss of High Priest status, Jesus replaces.

64 "You have heard the blasphemy; how does it seem to you?" And they all condemned Him to be deserving of death.

65 And some began to spit at Him, and to blindfold Him, and to beat Him with their fists, and to say to Him, "Prophecy!" And the officers received Him with slaps in the face.

We see the abuse and mistreatment of Jesus.

66 And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came,

67 and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him, and said, "You, too, were with Jesus the Nazarene."

68 But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are talking about." And he went out onto the porch.

69 And the maid saw him, and began once more to say to the bystanders, "This is one of them!"

70 But again he was denying it. And after a little while the bystanders were again saying to Peter, "Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean too."

71 But he began to curse and swear, "I do not know this man you are talking about!"

72 And immediately a cock crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had made the remark to him, "Before a cock crows twice, you will deny Me three times." And he began to weep.

Peter's failure. We have all failed at one time. We see Peter repent. Repentance is one of the keys to greatness.

Summary Chapter 14: Mark an action Gospel

Jesus is anointed for burial

Judas finally breaks away from the righteous., Jesus is taken into custody

Trial and conviction before the Sanhedrim (council), Jesus confesses himself as God

High Priest tears his clothes nullifying his High Priest Office.

Peters denial and then repentance

Aren't we thankful for all that Christ has done for us!

He could have escaped but he chose to go thru with his suffering and death, the only acceptable sacrifice.

Thank you, Jesus!