

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 03 Mar..... Mark 01..... Calls
- 2) 10 Mar..... Mark 02..... Forgives
- 3) 17 Mar..... Mark 03-04..... Unites
- 4) 24 Mar..... Mark 05..... Restores
- 5) 31 Mar..... Mark 06..... Sends
- 6) 07 Apr..... Mark 07..... Includes
- 7) 14 Apr..... Mark 08-09..... Commands
- 8) 21 Apr..... Mark 15..... Saves
- 9) 28 Apr..... Mark 10..... Serves
- 10) 05 May..... Mark 11-12..... Purifies
- 11) 12 May..... Mark 13..... Promises
- 12) 19 May..... **Mark 14..... Prepares**
- 13) 26 May..... Mark 15-16..... Lives

INTRODUCTION

- Mark chapter 14 is the longest chapter in this book (72 verses). Topics include the last supper, anointing of Jesus with very expensive oil, Judas' betrayal, and Peter's denial
- God allows the last few hours to play out "naturally"
 - ♦ The last meal is eaten with some modest fanfare and sets off the final chain reaction – Judas gets ticked off over money issues and he opts to get what he can get by turning in Jesus
 - ♦ Jesus experiences intense emotional upheaval while praying
 - ♦ A big knife fight breaks out and someone loses an ear
 - ♦ Jesus' friends flee the scene leaving him to take the rap
 - ♦ ...and Peter vehemently denies his Lord
- It makes the brain hurt to realize this day was planned out from eternity past

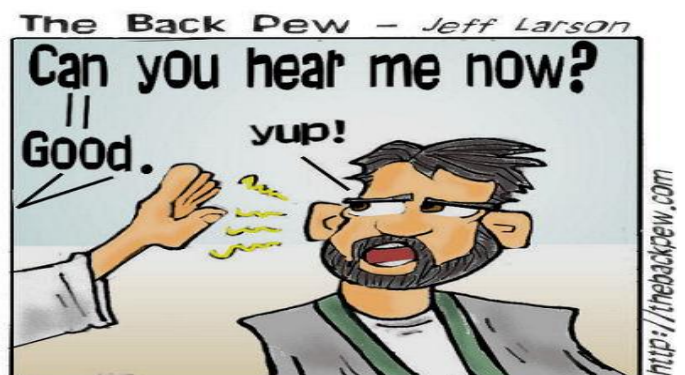
Passage	Comments
Mark 14:1-11	<p>Anointing of Oil at Simon the Leper's house</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v2. The religious leaders were seeking how to capture Jesus on the sly with minimal crowd awareness. WHY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Consider This. Jesus touched, fed, and healed thousands, possibly more than 10,000. So, the religious leaders took steps to avoid the crowds who could have swung things differently, and to manipulate those who remained Mat 27:20 • vv3-11. Two people understood the significance of this particular moment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The woman who anointed Jesus for burial realized who He was and what was going to happen to Him – so she emptied herself at the moment 2. Judas' dream of a restored kingdom with a place of honor for him were gone – so he settled for what he could get at the moment • v7. Should we put God 1st or the poor, the widow, the orphan? Who should we love more? Luke 14:26
14:12-26	<p>Passover Meal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv18-21. "One of you will betray Me!" Jesus never came out and clearly identified Judas as the betrayer? Why the allusiveness? Was Judas' fate sealed? Could Judas have repented like Peter did? Was he forgiven when Jesus prayed, "Father, forgive them..."? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Consider this. Scripture is quite harsh with Judas: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It would've been better if he wasn't born 14:21 2. Satan entered into Judas Luke 22:3 3. One of you is a devil John 6:70 4. All of you are clean, except for one John 13:10 5. Only the son of perdition is lost John 17:12 6. May another take his office, and may his widow and children suffer Ps 109:7-13; Acts 1:20 • v26. The men sung a hymn (nothing unmanly about that)

Passage	Comments
14:27-42	<p>Gethsemane – Prayer Should Not be a Last Resort</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v29. Peter's bravado. How should we temper our pride and youthful exuberance? Keep lips shut? • v36. "Remove this cup from me" – Did Jesus get cold feet? Under the circumstances, any human would've. • v37. "Could you not watch one hour?" What makes praying difficult? <input type="checkbox"/> It's easier to do something else <input type="checkbox"/> Too many distractions <input type="checkbox"/> Thoughtful, intelligent prayer takes effort <input type="checkbox"/> Little to no preparation made • v38. Watch & Pray. The purpose of prayer is to align us to see, accept, and do the will of our God • vv41-42. "The time has come" – Sometimes we run out of time and 2nd chances to fix things. So let's make wise use of the time we are given Eph 5:16
14:43-52	<p>Jesus' Capture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v47. Just an ear is cut off. John 18 records that Peter cut off the ear of Malchus. Apparently Malchus became a Christian since his name was mentioned to the initial readers of Mark's book as if they knew him. • The servant's ear being cut off is recorded in all 4 Gospels, but only Luke records that Jesus reattached the ear Luke 22:51 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ What would've happened if Peter lobbed off his head? Would that have changed the outcome any? • v52. More drama – a young man (presumably Mark) runs away butt-naked. The other 3 Gospels do not mention this incident. This unglamorous story actually gives credence to its truthfulness
14:53-72	<p>Jesus' Trial & Peter's Denial</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More unglamorous situations of leading characters, thereby providing credibility to Mark's story <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Peter's cowardness and unchristian behavior ♦ Jesus' weak defense of Himself ♦ Ineptness of the disciples • If this story was fictional, it would not have presented its leading characters so flawed, weak, and ineffective • vv61-62. "Are you the Christ?" "Yes, I AM" Problem solved. Jesus hung Himself with the truth. • vv66-72. Peter grew up after his failure. Judas did not. We may fall 7x, but the righteous get up..... Prov 24:16

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- God is a mighty God and a God of providence. Everything works out for our good and for His glory – but sometimes there is a price to be paid if we squander our time and fail to Watch and Pray.

NEXT WEEK: Mark 16. Jesus' resurrection is highlighted – and many signs shall follow them that believe. → BUT for how long?



And Jesus re-attached his ear. Luke 22:51