

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

- 1) 06 Dec.....Mark 1.....How Can Jesus Help Me?
- 2) 13 Dec.....Mark 2:1-3:6..... What does Jesus' call mean for me?
- 3) 20 Dec.....Luke 2..... Why did Jesus come?
- 4) 27 Dec.....Mark 3:7-6:6a.....Is God still working in the world?
- 5) 3 Jan.....Mark 6:6b-56..... How to be courageous
- 6) 10 Jan.....Mark 7:1-8:33.....How to develop your faith
- 7) 17 Jan.....Mark 3:1-6; 5:21-43; 10:13-16..... How to be Pro-Life
- 8) 24 Jan.....Mark 8:34-10:31.....How to get along with others
- 9) 31 Jan.....Mark 10:32-52..... How to be successful
- 10) 7 Feb.....Mark 11-12..... When your priorities are challenged
- 11) 14 Feb.....Mark 13.....When you feel overwhelmed
- 12) 21 Feb.....Mark 14.....When you have difficult decisions
- 13) 28 Feb.....Mark 15-16..... When life is unfair

**INTRODUCTION**

- 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 basically kicks sand in the Savior's face by vehemently denying him

Passage	Comments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The servant's ear being cut off is one of the few incidences recorded in all 4 Gospels</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>
14:53-72	<p><b>Jesus' Trial &amp; Peter's Denial</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More unglamorous situations of the leading characters provide credibility to the stories                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Peter's cowardness and unchristian behavior</li> <li>♦ Jesus' weak defense of himself</li> <li>♦ Ineptness of the disciples</li> </ul> </li> <li>• If this was a fictional book, it would not have presented its leading characters so flawed, weak and ineffective</li> </ul>

**CONCLUDING REMARKS**

- Mark 14 may be a difficult chapter to glean any positive application from – “but Sunday's a-com'n”
- Just remember – God is a mighty God and a God of providence. Everything works out for our good and for His glory – but sometimes it's at the expense of others
  - ♦ Jesus is betrayed and denounced by his close associates
  - ♦ Judas chooses fools gold (filthy lucre) over the real thing
  - ♦ The disciples lose their faith and focus and are put to flight

**NEXT WEEK:**

- Mark 15-16. Jesus' death, burial and resurrection – and many signs shall follow them that believe – BUT for how long?

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Mark 14:1-11	<p><b>Anointing of Oil at Simon the Leper's house</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two people understood the significance of the moment                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The woman who anointed Jesus for burial realized who He was and what was going to happen to Him – so she emptied herself</li> <li>2. Judas' dream of a restored kingdom with a place of honor for him were gone – so he settled for what he could get</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
14:12-26	<p><b>Passover Meal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passover commemorated the last night under Egyptian rule for the Jews (14<sup>th</sup> day of the 1<sup>st</sup> month of the Jewish calendar (Nisan))</li> <li>• v25 – No more drinking wine till He drinks it new in the Kingdom of God – why is this significant?</li> <li>• v26 – The men sing a hymn (nothing unmanly about that – and it wasn't a bar tune)</li> </ul>
14:27-42	<p><b>Gethsemane – Prayer should not be a last resort, but a first priority</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Remember</b> – the purpose of Prayer is to align us to the will of our Father and to give us strength to do God's will</li> <li>• v29 – Peter's bravado – sometimes we have to temper our pride and youthful exuberance</li> </ul>
14:43-52	<p><b>Jesus' Capture</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v45 – Judas' kiss was most likely on the hand, for this was the usual way a student greeted his rabbi</li> <li>• v47 – drama on drama with someone taking a swing at someone's head and cutting an ear off (John 18 records that Peter cut off the ear of servant Malchus – apparently Malchus became a Christian since his name was mentioned to a group of believers; Luke 22 records that Jesus healed the servant's ear)</li> </ul>



**And Jesus ... (re-attached) his ear, and healed him. Luke 22:51**