

The Gospel of Mark

Group Guide: Week 24, Mark 14:1-31

INTRODUCTION

This passage recounts some of the final scenes in Mark's gospel before Jesus is crucified. Mark begins his narrative by describing how the chief priests and scribes plotted to kill Jesus. Like many other passages in Mark, this scene is juxtaposed with a seemingly unrelated scene of a woman anointing Jesus. Jesus then shares a final meal with his disciples, institutes the Lord's supper, and foretells Peter's ultimate denial. In it all, we see Jesus orchestrating His own death and being perfectly faithful to fulfill His Father's redemption plan. Let us be encouraged by Jesus' faithfulness and obedience in the face of impending death.

PRAYER

READ

Ask one or two group members to read Mark 14:1-31.

SUMMARIZE

Ask two group members who didn't summarize last week to summarize the passage this week.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. *Have you ever immediately had "buyer's remorse"? Share your story.*

2. *In verses 3-9, the disciples self-righteously declare the woman's sacrifice a waste. Jesus, however, calls the anointing a "beautiful thing" even though the woman's sacrifice was unconventional and costly by earthly standards. How willing are you to embrace the unconventional and costly sacrifices of following Jesus? In your own financial giving, have you ever held back from radical giving because of earthly wisdom or fear of what others might think of that sacrifice?*

N.T. FURTHER READING

Matt. 26:2-16; Luke 22:1-6,
John 13:21-38

O.T. FURTHER READING

Ex. 12:1-27; Deut. 16:1-5;
Deut. 15:11; Zech. 13:7;

FURTHER STUDY

As you read write out any words in this passage that would be helpful for you to look up in a dictionary.
