

Sermon Text Discussion Notes 9/18/2022

Mark 14: 12-31 “The Last Supper as the New Passover”
Mark: The Way of Jesus

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Overview

Of all the meals in all of human history—this one meal, recorded in Mark 14, on a Thursday night in Jerusalem, is the most significant. This is Jesus’ final supper before his death. It’s not just the last supper, it’s the start of something new. And this shows us the heart of who Jesus is and why he came. There are four main sections here.

1. The Preparation (v12–16)
2. The Betrayal (v17–21)
3. The Meal (v22–26)
4. The Scattering (v27–31)

Jesus is helping his disciples understand the meaning and significance of his death. It certainly wasn’t an accident. This was the road he intentionally walked down so that we would worship Jesus.

Discussion Questions

1. Jesus did not randomly arrive in Jerusalem at Passover. What is the significance of him choosing that weekend to be his last one?
2. Jesus experienced the pain of betrayal by a close friend. How does this reality help us as we go through a betrayal by a trusted person in our lives. What difference does it make for you that Jesus understands betrayal?
3. How do you make sense of the statement, “For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to the man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed” (v. 21) Are there other scriptures that come to mind to help us understand the interaction of God’s sovereignty and man’s responsibility?
4. By what Jesus said and did at his final meal with his disciples, how was he making himself the fulfillment of the Passover celebration?
5. What did Peter learn about himself and Jesus by his strong declarations that he would die with Jesus and never deny him, which was quickly followed by his three denials? How does this relate to your own periodic “denials”?
6. When are you tempted to be over-confident in your capacity to hold firmly onto Jesus? What stumbling over not trusting yourself to keep trusting him?

Quote

“God justified you with (so to speak) his eyes open. He knew the worst about you at the time when he accepted you for Jesus’ sake; and the verdict which he passed then was, and is, final.”

J.I. Packer