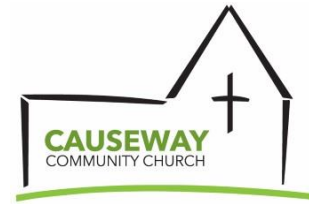


MARK 14:1-26

SUNDAY 22ND MARCH



We are in an unusual season. Much of what we rely on has been turned on its head. There is little we know about when we will get back to normal. While we cannot meet together it is still vitally important that we continue hearing from and talking to our unchanging, ever loving God.

Please continue to treat Sunday morning as a time for us to turn together to our God. We may not be physically together but we are still bound together in Christ. The aim of this guide is to help you reflect on God's word together as a household.

BIBLE

MARK 14:1-26

Ask God for help for yourself and the church as we read His word
Read Mark 14:1-26

REFLECTION

QUESTIONS AND NOTES

Chapter 14 begins to describe the events leading up to the death of Jesus. In the world's eyes Jesus' death is a sad defeat, the end of a promising young man. But Mark shows us that Jesus had a bigger purpose. Even through suffering and the evil acts of others God fulfills the most wonderful thing that has ever happened.

- How would you respond to someone who asked “how can there be a God in the midst of all this current suffering and chaos?”

→ Read 14:1-11

- Compare the actions and attitudes of the woman and the others described.

- Jesus shows he knows about his death. What is unusual about the way he handles this knowledge?
- Care for the poor is incredibly important. The Gospel is described as good news to the poor (Isa 61:1; Luke 4:16,21). Yet here something seems more important. What is that?

→ Read 14:12-21

- Why is it significant that this happens around the time of the passover?
- Jesus is about to die and yet Jesus is in complete control of the whole situation. How do we see that he is in control?
- Even betrayal is not outside of God's plan. What did Jesus know this betrayal would lead to? How do we see that in the passage?
- How would the disciples be feeling? What would they be thinking? → Read 14:22-26
- Jesus knows he is about to die and so institutes a meal for us to remember and participate in his body and his blood. How do we see that he knows the purpose of his death? (v22-25)
- Read Jeremiah 31:31-34. How will the new covenant be different from the old?

→ Summarise and Apply

- What in this passage leads us to worship Jesus?
- What do we learn about ourselves from this passage? How does it lead us to give thanks or repent?
- How does this passage cause us to reflect on our current times of confusion?
- How might this help us share the good news with our friends and neighbours who don't know Jesus?

PRAYER

RESPOND TO GOD IN PRAISE AND PLEADING

Use the Lord's prayer to help you structure your prayers. Pray in response to the passage, for yourself, the church and others.

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.*

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