

Today:
February 22, 2015

Scripture Focus: Mark 14:12-31

¹² On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go to prepare the Passover meal for you?"

¹³ So Jesus sent two of them into Jerusalem with these instructions: "As you go into the city, a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him. ¹⁴ At the house he enters, say to the owner, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room where I can eat the Passover meal with my disciples?' ¹⁵ He will take you upstairs to a large room that is already set up. That is where you should prepare our meal." ¹⁶ So the two disciples went into the city and found everything just as Jesus had said, and they prepared the Passover meal there.

¹⁷ In the evening Jesus arrived with the Twelve. ¹⁸ As they were at the table eating, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, one of you eating with me here will betray me." ¹⁹ Greatly distressed, each one asked in turn, "Am I the one?"

²⁰ He replied, "It is one of you twelve who is eating from this bowl with me. ²¹ For the Son of Man must die, as the Scriptures declared long ago. But how terrible it will be for the one who betrays him. It would be far better for that man if he had never been born!"

²² As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take it, for this is my body."

²³ And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. ²⁴ And he said to them, "This is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice for many. ²⁵ I tell you the truth, I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new in the Kingdom of God."

²⁶ Then they sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives.

(Mark 14:1-26, New Living Translation)

Notes from Worship:

How did God catch your attention? To what is God calling you this week?

Questions for Discussion:

- If you had been one of those twelve disciples, what would have been most disturbing to you in this story?
- What hymn or song from today would best capture for you the moment in the story of v. 26?

This Week: **February 23-28**

Scripture Readings:

Monday 2/23	Tuesday 2/24	Wednesday 2/25	Thursday 2/26	Friday 2/27	Saturday 2/28
2 Kings 5:1 – 8:15	2 Kings 8: 16-29; 2 Chron. 21:1 – 22:9	2 Kings 9-11; 2 Chron. 22:10 – 23:21	2 Kings 12-13; 2 Chron. 24	2 Kings 14-15; 2 Chron. 25-27	Jonah 1-4

Questions for Reflection:

These questions are meant to help get you thinking about the readings for each day. Feel free to also use this space to jot down other questions and insights gleaned from your reading.

Monday

What do you think of Elijah's compassion on the blind Arameans (2 Kings 6)? (Instead of having them killed, he set a feast for them!)

Tuesday

What catches your attention about kings Jehoram and Ahaziah?

Wednesday

What do you think about the stories of Jehu becoming king and then exercising his authority (2 Kings 9-10)?

Thursday

How important was it for Joash to repair the temple (2 Kings 12; 2 Chronicles 24)?

Friday

Several more kings are mentioned in these chapters. Which of these kings is your favorite? Which is your least favorite? Why?

Saturday

What important lesson(s) did Jonah learn throughout this book? What did you learn?

Taking Scripture to Heart:

As we continue focusing on the life and teachings of Jesus, our memory text is **Matthew 5:43-48**. Let these verses dwell within you, to help you focus on Jesus Christ, the center of our faith.

Next Sunday: March 1, 2015

Theme: Walking with Jesus through Holy Week – Jesus in Gethsemane, his betrayal and arrest

Scripture Focus: *Mark 14:32-52*