

Mark 14:12-31

¹²And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?"
¹³And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, ¹⁴and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'" ¹⁵And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." ¹⁶And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. ¹⁷And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." ¹⁹They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" ²⁰He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. ²¹For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."
²²And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." ²³And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks

he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." ²⁶And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ²⁷And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away, for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'" ²⁸But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." ²⁹Peter said to him, "Even though they all fall away, I will not." ³⁰And Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." ³¹But he said emphatically, "If I must die with you, I will not deny you." And they all said the same.

A Special Dinner: Bread and Wine, Betrayal and Denial

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Mark records Jesus' last dinner with the disciples. During this meal, Jesus reveals truths that are foundational to our treasuring Him.

The crucifixion was not a surprise to Jesus, but was an event for which He was completely prepared.

The salvation of the Lord, long observed in the Passover meal, was realized in Jesus' death.

Life Group Questions: Mark 14:12-31

1. What is the Passover? What events are being commemorated? Why does Mark share the details of finding the room?
2. Clearly Jesus knows who will betray Him. Why doesn't He say who it is? If not to point out the betrayer, why bring it up?
3. What does Jesus mean when He says the wine represents the '*blood of the covenant*'?
4. What does it tell us about the disciples that they unanimously tell Jesus He is mistaken about their abandoning Him?
5. This section in Mark seems to highlight Jesus' awareness of the future. Why was that important for Mark's original audience? Why is it important for us?
6. What is the significance of Passover being the occasion for Jesus' last supper?
7. What does Peter's passion and failure teach us about the life of a disciple?
8. What does Jesus being the Passover Lamb mean to you? How does it affect what you think about God? About Jesus' earthly ministry? About salvation?
9. What are the typical thoughts and feelings associated with the celebration of communion? What emotions do you feel? Why?