

The Gospel of Mark: "Jesus, The Suffering Servant"

Mark 14:1-52

Gospel Comparison



	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John	
Portrait	King & Lion-like	Servant & Ox-Like	Perfect Man & Like Us	Savior of the World & Eagle-Like	
Date	60-65 AD	50-60 AD	65-68 AD	90 AD	
Style of Writer	Teacher	Preacher	Historian	Theologian	
Presentation	Structured	Dramatic	Thematic	Theological	
Emphasis	Sermons	Miracles	Parables	Doctrines	
Audience	Jews	Romans	Greeks	World	
Key Words	Fulfilled	Immediately	Son of Man	Believe	
Key Chapter	12	10	9	10	
Key Verse	28:19-20	10:45	19:10	20:28-31	

Chart



Section	Title	Contents	Key Verse(s)	?
Rejection	Betrayed & Arrested	I. Simon's House (1-11) II. The Upper Room (12-25) III. Mount of Olives (26-31) IV. Garden of Gethsemane (32-52)	14:36, 38	14:51

Simon's House (1-11)



Mary's sacrificial devotion contrasted with Judas' selfish ambition

The Upper Room (12-25)



The connection between the Passover event in Exodus 12 and the crucifixion of Jesus, our Passover Lamb (1 Corinthians 5:7)

Mount of Olives (26-31)



Jesus' complete awareness of what is

happening around Him and His insight into the hearts of men



Garden of Gethsemane (32-52)



The battle between our spirit and flesh & the

call to stay awake!





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"My Dear Wormwood,

I wonder you should ask me whether it is essential to keep the patient in ignorance of your own existence. That question, at least for the present phase of the struggle, has been answered for us by the High Command. Our policy, for the moment, is to conceal ourselves . . . I do not think you will have much difficulty in keeping the patient in the dark. The fact that "devils" are predominantly comic figures in the modern imagination will help you. If any faint suspicion of your existence begins to arise in his mind, suggest to him a picture of something in red tights, and persuade him that since he cannot believe in that (it is an old textbook method of confusing them) he therefore cannot believe in you." (C.S. Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters*)



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- The war is won! (Colossians 2:15)

Questions



- Do you believe we are at war?
- Are you fully awake? Asleep? Or, actively rebelling?
- How are you most vulnerable to Satan's schemes? How would your "Screwtape Letter" read?
- What are you doing to defend yourself?

Dear Wormwood



"Persuade him that the ordinary Christian life and the radical Christian life are mutually exclusive, and that he needs to choose a side. Convince him that ordinary is boring and that radical is excessive. Convince him that being ordinary is beneath him, and then convince him that being passionate is amateurish. Thus, leave him slightly bewildered and vacillating. In the end, convince him that he needs to act like and look like the world in order to fit in with the world and win the world. Obscure from him the truth that a radically ordinary life is a great threat to our purpose and mission." (Burk Parsons, Desiring God)

To Note



- Parking
- Name Tags and Room Numbers
- Open Group
- Workbooks



Small Group Discussion Questions (Mark 14:1-52) November 3, 2016

Allow each person in your group to answer one of the following questions:

- What did you learn this week from the reading or the speaker?
- > What are you going to do about it?
- > Who are you going to tell?
- 1. Review Mark 14:1-52. How did you title the chapter? What were the contents, key verse(s), and interpretative challenges? Let each person share his chapter title, content, and key verse(s). Then discuss one interpretive challenge from the group.
- 2. Judas, like the other disciples, followed Jesus and witnessed His many miracles. Yet, he still chose to betray Jesus. How is it possible for someone to witness all that Judas saw and then choose to betray Jesus? By implication, do you think if more people saw Jesus work miracles today that they'd believe in Him? Explain.
- 3. Review Mark 14:3-9. Why did the Lord commend the woman's faith? Contrast the motives of the woman who anointed Jesus with the motives of the men who scolded her. What are examples of healthy and unhealthy motivations for giving to the Lord? How can you distinguish between healthy and unhealthy motivations in your giving? What role do others play in helping you discern your motivations?
- 4. Read Mark 14:12-21 along with 1 Corinthians 5:7. In what sense is Jesus our Passover Lamb? How is the Passover event (Exodus 11-12) a foreshadowing of the crucifixion of Christ?
- 5. In this chapter, where do we see evidence that Jesus is completely aware of what will happen to Him? What does this suggest about who Jesus is? His control over each situation? How does your faith in Jesus inform how you feel about your circumstances?