

Sermon Notes



Sunday, March 6, 2022
Despised for Us
Mark 14:12–25

Betrayal...

Psalm 55:12–13, 20 (David & Ahithophel - 2 Sam. 15:12; Jonathan - 1 Sam. 18:3)

¹² For it is not an enemy who taunts me— then I could bear it; it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me— then I could hide from him. ¹³ But it is you, a man, my equal, *my companion, my familiar friend*. ...

²⁰ My companion stretched out his hand against his friends; he violated his *covenant*.

A Story Arc of Betrayal (14:1–52)

1. Evil Plotting & Beautiful Love (14:1–11)
 - a. The Sanhedrin's Plot to Kill Jesus (14:1–2)
 - b. Jesus Anointed at Bethany (14:3–9)
 - c. Judas Makes a Deal to **Betray** Jesus (14:10–11)
2. **Passover with the Disciples (14:12–25)**
 - a. Preparation for the Passover (14:12–16)
 - b. Jesus Announces His **Betrayal** (14:17–21)
 - c. **Institution of the Lord's Supper (14:22–25)**
3. Resolute In the Garden (14:26–52)
 - a. Peter's Empty Promise (14:26–31)
 - b. Sleeping Disciples & Loud Cries to the Father (14:32–42)
 - c. **Betrayal** and Arrest of Jesus (14:43–50)
 - d. A Young Man Flees Naked (14:51–52)

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Odd Preparations for Passover (14:12–16)

¹² And 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?” ¹³ And he sent two of his disciples (Luke 22:8 identifies them as Peter and John) and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, ¹⁴ and 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?’ ¹⁵ And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.” ¹⁶ And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

- I. Unleavened Bread/Passover Lamb
 - A. Shadows of Christ (New Exodus)

B. The Providential Timing (Thursday/Friday)

The first day of Unleavened Bread (Ex. 12:15, 18) could refer either to Nisan 14 or Nisan 15 according to Jewish reckoning in the NT era, and **Passover** lambs were apparently killed on both days, but here Mark is referring to Nisan 14 (Thursday).¹

1. Be amazed at the intricate orchestration of God's plan!

II. Jesus is Aware of Judas' Planned Betrayal

Necessary Betrayal (14:17–21)

¹⁷ And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸ And 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.”

¹⁹ They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, “*Is it I?*” ²⁰ He said to them, “*It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me.*” ²¹ For **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.*”

I. The Son of Man is the Suffering Servant

Mark 10:45

⁴⁵ For even the **Son of Man** came not to be served but to serve, and to *give his life as a ransom for many.*” (Dan. 7:13–14 / Is. 53)



Isaiah 53:3a

He was despised and *rejected by men*, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief...

(Cf. Jesus – Luke 24:26–27; Paul – Acts 17:2–3)

John 13:18–19

¹⁸ I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled (Ps. 41:9, David & Ahithophel), ‘*He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.*’ ¹⁹ I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he.

II. God's Providence does not Negate Human Culpability

2. Don't blame God for your sin [Cf. Matt. 18:7]

3. Don't take betraying God lightly [Cf. John 17:12; Acts 1:16–20; Ps. 109:8]

4. Jesus Understands What Betrayal Feels Like [Cf. Heb. 2:16–18; 4:15]

III. Jesus Endured Betrayal for Us “Is it I” [God's Wrath – Rom. 1:28] Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

¹ “Nisan usually falls somewhere in March/April in the Gregorian calendar...” Crossway Bibles. (2008). [The ESV Study Bible](#) (p. 1927). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

The Willing Sacrifice of Jesus (14:22–25)
(Cf. 1 Corinthians 11:23–26)

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²² And 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.***”

²³ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴ And he said to them, “***This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.***”

²⁵ Truly, 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.*”

- I. We Need this Broken Bread (New Exodus)
- II. We Need this Blood Poured Out (New Covenant)



Jeremiah 31:31–34

³¹ “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a **new covenant** with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. ³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: ***I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts.*** And ***I will be their God, and they shall be my people.***

³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for ***they shall all know me,*** from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For ***I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.***”

- 5. **Trust King Jesus**
- 6. **Humble gratitude: He loved us first!**
- 7. **Transformation:** May he change us so that we can willingly lay down our lives for him.

Meditate on Mark 11–16 for Coming Sermons

(We will cover the rest of Mark 14:26–52 **Sunday, March 5**)

- I. Read **Mark 14:26–52** several times. How is this story organized? What is the relationship between the different episodes?
 - II. How does this text teach us something about Jesus and/or his mission? Is there a pattern for the Christian life exemplified here? What are we being warned against? What are we being instructed to do?
 - III. Sum up the main point in **Mark 14:26–52** in one short sentence.
 - IV. How does this text change/strengthen how you think, act or feel as a Christian?
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Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. Are you amazed at how God so intricately orchestrated his plan of salvation to point to Jesus? Spend time praising him for the wonder of his wisdom.
2. Have you ever been tempted to blame God for making you a sinner? What should you do instead? Who can you pray with about this?
3. Do you think you have a good healthy fear of offending God? How can you cultivate a better understanding of how dangerous God is?
4. What kind of betrayals have you endured? Is it encouraging to know that Jesus know just what you feel like? Does it make it easier to bring your complaints and laments to him?
5. How amazing is the love of Jesus that he was willing to suffer like this for us?! How can we keep our thoughts on his love while we endure lesser betrayals? Who can we pray with about this?