

Quarter Three: The Book of Mark

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Lesson 11—Taken and Tried

Tuesday: Gethsemane

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- **Last Weeks:** “Jerusalem Controversies”
 - Mark 11 (Mark 11–16 cover one week) – 6 controversies at the end of His public ministry
- **Last Week:** “The Last Days”
 - Mark 12 & 13 – destruction of Jerusalem / end of the world
- **This Week:** “Taken and Tried”
 - Mark 14 – (Mark 14 – 16 = the Passion narrative)
 - 5th sandwich story – Last supper, Gethsemane & arrest – 6th sandwich story

Memory Text: “And He said, ‘Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Take this cup from Me; Nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will.’” (Mark 14:36, NKJV)

The week in brief:

- 1. **Sunday:** Unforgettable (John L)
 - Mark 14:1 – 11 – 5th sandwich story & study in contrasts: plot to arrest Jesus vs woman who anointed Jesus with perfume
- 2. **Monday:** The Last Supper (Ryan)
 - Mark 14:12 – 31 – Thursday evening; Passover supper / communion; Peter’s promise to stay with Jesus
- 3. **Tuesday:** Gethsemane (Jill)
 - Mark 14:32 – 42 – Jesus’ experience in Gethsemane; the Father’s answer is “no”
- 4. **Wednesday:** Leaving All to Flee from Jesus (John D)
 - Mark 14:43 – 52 – Judas’ betrayal of Jesus; dual plot = will of God is coming to fulfillment even as the will of man works to destroy the Messiah; disciples flee
- 5. **Thursday:** Who Are You? (Daniel)
 - Mark 14:60 – 72 – 6th sandwich story: Jesus giving a faithful report at the trial at the Sanhedrin & Peter lying & denying Jesus, just outside

Gethsemane

Mark 14:32 - 42

- Passover / Last Supper is over
 - Jesus & disciples left walled city of Jerusalem
 - Headed across the Kidron Valley
 - Final conversation & instruction to disciples – John 13 – 17
 - Neared Gethsemane, strangely silent
 - To garden of Gethsemane on the slopes of the Mount of Olives
 - *Walked down the hill to the garden (now adjacent to a Franciscan Church)

- Garden of Gethsemane where
 - Last great battle between Christ & Satan was fought
 - Fate of humanity was decided
 - Christ tasted death for every man – became the Substitute for our sin
 - Christ experienced the agony of separation from His Father
 - Christ submitted to His Father’s will
 - And that will was a “no” to His human desire
 - Answer to His three-fold heartfelt prayer was a “no”
 - Salvation of humanity was at stake

- Mark 14:32 – “Then they came to a place which was named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, ‘Sit here while I pray.’
 - Gethsemane = “oil press” in Hebrew
 - Olives are pressed to release the oils / juices

 - **The Pressing**
 - We are pressed to become more like Jesus
 - Heb 12 – For whom the Lord loves, He corrects / chastens
 - We are pressed to reveal Jesus
 - John 9 – who sinned, this man or his parents?
 - Neither, God might be glorified

 - Jesus was pressed to
 - Bear the weight of humanity’s sin (all our sins)
 - He was pressed so much He sweated great drops of blood
 - Bear the separation from His Father
 - Take our punishment / our place – substitutionary atonement

 - Pressing of olives = 3 part process (in ancient Israel)
 - 1st pressing = used for holy purposes (lamps to light in the sanctuary; anointing oil)
 - 2nd pressing = used as medicine for healing
 - 3rd pressing = used for soap

 - Jesus pressed 3 times
 - Three times the prayer – take this cup from Me
 - 1st pressing = He is holy; He bore our sins so we can be forgiven
 - Isa 53:6 = ...the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all
 - 2nd pressing = Isa 53:5 - ...with His stripes, we are healed (stripes = wounds)
 - 3rd pressing = David’s prayer, Ps 51 – wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow
 - 1 John 1:7 - The blood of Jesus cleanses from all sin

 - **Takeaway #1: Jesus walked into the olive press for me**

- Mark 14:33 - “And He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be troubled and deeply distressed.”
 - The weight of the sins of the world began to crush Him

- Martha & Mary – Lord, if You had been here, our brother wouldn't have died
 - Jesus asked to be spared – yet God said “no”
 - Salvation of humanity was at stake
 - **Takeaway #4: Jesus accepted God's “no” for me**
- Mark 14:37, 38 – “Then He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, ‘Simon, are you sleeping? Could you not watch one hour? (38) Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.’”
 - He who had been the intercessor for others, now longed for an intercessor for Himself
 - Isa 63:3 – “I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people, there was none with Me...”
 - DA, p. 687, 688 – “The human heart longs for sympathy in suffering. This longing Christ felt to the very depths of His being. In the supreme agony of His soul He came to His disciples with a yearning desire to hear some words of comfort from those whom He has so often blessed and comforted, and shielded in sorrow and distress. The One who had always had words of sympathy for them was now suffering superhuman agony, and He longed to know that they were praying for Him and for themselves....If He could only know that His disciples understood and appreciated this, He would be strengthened.”
 - **Takeaway #5: Jesus walked alone for me**
- Mark 14:39 – “Again He went away and prayed, and spoke the same words.”
 - Luke tells us He sweated great drops of blood
 - Heb 12:4 – you have not resisted until blood, striving against sin
 - The cup trembled in His hands
 - DA, p. 690, 691 – “He sees the helplessness of man. He sees the power of sin. The woes and lamentations of a doomed world rise before Him. He beholds its impending fate, and His decision is made. He will save man at any cost to Himself. He accepts His baptism of blood, that through Him perishing millions may gain everlasting life....Having made the decision, He fell dying to the ground from which He had partially risen.”
 - Isa 53:12 – “...He poured out His soul unto death...”
 - **Takeaway #6: Jesus chose me over His own life**
- Luke 22:43 – “Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him.”
 - At the temptation, an angel came, strengthening Him
 - At this last great trial, an angel came, strengthening Him
 - God does not always say “yes,” but He will strengthen us to endure any trial
 - Jesus was strengthened to drink the cup

- Mark 14:41, 42 – “Then He came the third time and said to them, ‘Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough! The hour has come; behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. (42) Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand.’”
 - **Takeaway #7: Jesus obeyed His Father implicitly**
 - Came from difficult experience, surrendered completely to the Father; willing to walk forward and drink the cup

- **7 Takeaways from the Garden of Gethsemane**
 - #1: Jesus walked into the olive press for me
 - #2: Jesus carried the weight of sin for me
 - #3: Jesus endured separation from God for me
 - #4: Jesus accepted God’s “no” for me
 - #5: Jesus walked alone for me
 - #6: Jesus chose me over His own life
 - #7: Jesus obeyed His Father implicitly