# 5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide
## Themes from Mark 14: The Passover, Betrayal, and the Sovereign Lord

### Day 1: The Blood That Covers

**Reading:** Exodus 12:1-14

**Devotional:** The first Passover was not a test of emotional courage. Whether the Israelite trembled in fear or stood in bold confidence, the blood on the doorpost was what saved them. Salvation has never rested on the intensity of your faith but on the object of it. Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God whose blood covers every anxious, doubting, stumbling soul who trusts in him. Examine your heart today. Are you trusting in your own moral record, your church attendance, your feelings? Or are you trusting in the blood? That is the only question that matters.

**Reflection:** What are you trusting in for your standing before God?

### Day 2: A New Beginning, A New Leaven

**Reading:** Galatians 3:10-14; Luke 13:18-21

**Devotional:** The Feast of Unleavened Bread demanded that Israel leave Egypt's bread behind. They could not carry the old life into the new. When Christ redeems us, he calls us out of bondage into something entirely new. But the new leaven he plants in us is not passive. It expands. It transforms. It reaches outward into families, neighborhoods, and nations. The Great Commission is the new leaven at work in the world. You are not merely saved from something. You are commissioned into something. Come as you are, but do not stay as you are. The kingdom of God is spreading, and you are part of it.

**Reflection:** What remnant of your old life are you still carrying that Christ is calling you to leave behind?

### Day 3: Preparing a Table for His Name

**Reading:** Proverbs 9:1-6; Revelation 3:19-20

**Devotional:** Wisdom does not stumble into fruitful community. She builds her house, sets her table, and intentionally invites others to come and learn. The disciples were asked to prepare a room so that Jesus could make his name known in it. That same calling rests on every believer today. Your home, your dining room table, your front porch can be a place where the Lord is glorified and the simple

become wise. Jesus stands at the door and knocks. He wants to come in, sit at your table, and transform the culture of your household. Will you open the door and prepare the room?

**Reflection:** What would change in your home if you consciously prepared it as a place where Christ is honored?

## Day 4: Kill Your Sin Before It Kills You

**Reading:** Genesis 4:6-7; Romans 8:12-14; 1 Peter 5:8-9

**Devotional:** Judas did not fall in a single dramatic moment. He fell slowly, quietly, over many small surrenders to greed. The money he stole from the mission fund was not the end of the story. It was the middle. Unchecked sin never stays the same size. It grows until it consumes. God warned Cain that sin was crouching at the door. Peter warned believers that the enemy prowls like a roaring lion. The antidote is not willpower alone but Spirit-empowered mortification, actively putting to death the deeds of the flesh. Do not negotiate with your sin. Do not manage it. Kill it.

**Reflection:** What sin in your life have you been managing rather than mortifying? What would it look like to deal with it decisively today?

## Day 5: Rabbi or Lord -- The Question That Changes Everything

**Reading:** Daniel 7:13-14; John 20:24-29; Matthew 7:21-23

**Devotional:** Judas called Jesus "Rabbi." John called him "Lord." That single distinction is the distance between heaven and hell. It is not enough to admire Jesus as a moral teacher, to appreciate his wisdom, or to find his ethical teachings compelling. Even the demons recognized who he was, and they are not saved. Jesus Christ must not merely be known. He must be enthroned. The Son of Man, as Daniel foretold, receives all glory, honor, and dominion. He is not a guide for better living. He is the sovereign Lord of all creation who gave himself freely for sinners. Is he your Rabbi, or is he your Lord?

**Reflection:** Have you submitted your life fully to the lordship of Jesus Christ, or are you still holding the throne of your own life?