SCRIPTURE REFERENCE NOTES WOMEN in the WORD Fellowship Bible Church

The GOSPEL ACCORDING to MARK (JESUS: God's Servant-Our Savior)

Lesson FIFTEEN...Countdown to Betrayal (Mark 14:1-42)
March 31, 2020

INTRO

Last time we studied the Olivet Discourse in Mark 13.

The CONSPIRACY of the CHIEF PRIESTS and SCRIBES

Mark 14:1-2 (NKJV) ¹ After two days it was the Passover and *the Feast* of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take Him by trickery and put *Him* to death. ² But they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar of the people."

- The Feast of Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread
- ...by trickery...

Psalms 41:9 (NLT)9 Even my best friend, the one I trusted completely, the one who shared my food, has turned against me.

"Not during the feast,."

Acts 2:22-24 (NLT)²² "People of Israel, listen! God publicly endorsed Jesus the Nazarene by doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through him, as you well know. ²³ But God knew what would happen, and his prearranged plan was carried out when Jesus was betrayed. With the help of lawless Gentiles, you nailed him to a cross and killed him.²⁴ But God released him from the horrors of death and raised him back to life, for death could not keep him in its grip.

lest there be an uproar of the people...

Proverbs 29:25 (NASB) The fear of man brings a snare, But he who trusts in the LORD will be exalted.

MARY of BETHANY

Mark 14:3 And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured it on His head.

Alabaster

- spikenard
- Mary of Bethany

Luke 10:38-42 (NLT)³⁸ As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem, they came to a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed them into her home.³⁹ Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what he taught.⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me."⁴¹ But the Lord said to her, "My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! ⁴² There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her."

John 11:30-32 (NLT) ³⁰ Jesus had stayed outside the village, at the place where Martha met him. ³¹ When the people who were at the house consoling Mary saw her leave so hastily, they assumed she was going to Lazarus's grave to weep. So they followed her there. ³² When Mary arrived and saw Jesus, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died."

John 12:2-8 (NLT)² A dinner was prepared in Jesus' honor. Martha served, and Lazarus was among those who ate with him.³ Then Mary took a twelve-ounce jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard, and she anointed Jesus' feet with it, wiping his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance.

Mark 14:4 But there were some who were indignant among themselves, and said, "Why was this fragrant oil wasted? ⁵ For it might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they criticized her sharply.

John 12:4-6 (NLT)⁴ But Judas Iscariot, the disciple who would soon betray him, said, ⁵ "<u>That perfume was worth a year's wages</u>. It should have been sold and the money given to the poor." Not that he cared for the poor—he was a thief, and since he was in charge of the disciples' money, he often stole some for himself.

- *Indignant...* (CWSB Dictionary) to roar, storm with anger, to be enraged, indignant, to express indignation against someone.
- Wasted...

Colossians 3:23-24 (NASB Strong's) Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

Mark 14:6 But Jesus said, "Let her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work for Me. ⁷ For you have the poor with you always, and whenever you wish you may do them good; but Me you do not have always. ⁸ She has done what she could. She has come beforehand to anoint My body for burial. ⁹ Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her."

• "She has done what she could".

- 4 Observations & Applications
 - Mary had full ownership of the precious nard.
 - Mary did not selfishly hoard her gift.
 - Mary did not choose or manufacture her venue of service.
 - ❖ The disciples...

The LAST STRAW for JUDAS

Mark 14:10 Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Him to them. ¹¹ And when they heard *it*, they were glad, and promised to give him money. So he sought how he might conveniently betray Him.

JESUS PREPARES for the LAST SUPPER

Mark 14:12 Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they killed the Passover *lamb*, His disciples said to Him, "Where do You want us to go and prepare, that You may eat the Passover?" ¹³ And He sent out two of His disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him. ¹⁴ Wherever he goes in, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?" ' ¹⁵ Then he will show you a large upper room, furnished *and* prepared; there make ready for us." ¹⁶ So His disciples went out, and came into the city, and found it just as He had said to them; and they prepared the Passover.

- A man with a water jar...
- And they prepared the Passover.

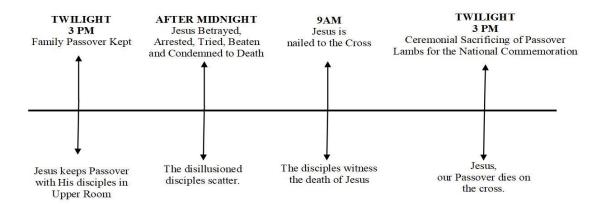
1 Cor 5:7b (NKJV)For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

Lev 23:5 (NKJV)⁵ On the fourteenth *day* of the first month at twilight *is* the Lord's Passover.

Ex 12:2-8 selected (NKJV)³ ... 'On the tenth *day* of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of *his* father, a lamb for a household....⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year...⁶ Now you shall keep it <u>until the fourteenth day of the same month</u>. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall <u>kill it at twilight</u>... ⁸ Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread *and* with bitter *herbs* they shall eat it.

PASSOVER in RELATION to JESUS' LAST DAY

14th of ABIB or NISAN



In the UPPER ROOM

Mark 14:17 In the evening He came with the twelve. ¹⁸ Now as they sat and ate, Jesus said, "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you who eats with Me will betray Me." ¹⁹ And they began to be sorrowful, and to say to Him one by one, "Is it I?" And another said, "Is it I?" ²⁰ He answered and said to them, "It is one of the twelve, who dips with Me in the dish. ²¹ The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had never been born."

• As it is written of Him... Let God's word speak for itself: The following was written at least 7 hundred years before Christ was born!

Isaiah 53:3-12 (NLT)³ He was despised and rejected— a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care.

- ⁴ Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins!⁵ But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.⁶ All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all.
- ⁷ He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter. And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth.⁸ Unjustly condemned, he was led away. No one cared that he died without descendants, that his life was cut short in midstream. But he was struck down for the rebellion of my people.⁹ He had done no wrong and had never deceived anyone. But he was buried like a criminal; he was put in a rich man's grave.
- ¹⁰ But it was the Lord's good plan to crush him and cause him grief. Yet when his life is made an offering for sin, he will have many descendants. He will enjoy a long life, and the Lord's good plan will prosper in his hands.¹¹ When he sees all that is accomplished by his anguish, he will be satisfied. And because of his experience, my righteous servant will make it possible for many to be counted righteous, for he will bear all their sins.¹² I will give him the honors of a victorious soldier, because he exposed himself to death. He was counted among the rebels. He bore the sins of many and interceded for rebels.

Mark 14:22 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave *it* to them and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." ²³ Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave *it* to them, and they all drank from it. ²⁴ And He said to them, "This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many. ²⁵ Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." ²⁶ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

- As they were eating...
- Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them...
- The observing of the Lord's Supper is a precious reminder of His death and sacrifice for us.

1 Cor. 11:23-26 (NLT) ²³ For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself. On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread²⁴ and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. <u>Do this to remember me."</u>²⁵ In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. <u>Do this to remember me</u> as often as you drink it."²⁶ For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again.

Heb 10:10-14 (NKJV)¹⁰ By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*.

11 And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

12 But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, 13 from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. 14 For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

Mark 14:27 Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: *I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered.'* 28 "But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee."

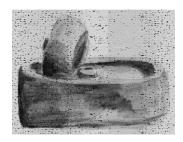
- ...to stumble....
- It is written: I will strike the shepherd...

Zech 13:7 (NLT)⁷ "Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, the man who is my partner," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. "Strike down the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn against the lambs.

• "But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee."

Mark 14:29 Peter said to Him, "Even if all are made to stumble, yet I will not be." 30 Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you that today, even this night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times." 31 But he spoke more vehemently, "If I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" And they all said likewise.

Luke 22:31-32 (NASB)³¹ "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; ³² but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."



At GETHSEMANE

Mark 14:32a Then they came to a place which was named Gethsemane;

Gethsemane: A place where the olives were pressed to release their oil.

Mark 14:32b ...and He said to His disciples, "Sit here while I pray." 33 And He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be troubled and deeply distressed. 34 Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch." 35 He went a little farther, and fell on the ground, and prayed that if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. 36 And He said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will." 37 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."

"The spirit is willing but the body is weak".

Romans 7:15-25 (NLT Study Bible Text,) ¹⁵ I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. ¹⁶ But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.

¹⁸ And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't. ¹⁹ I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. ²⁰ But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.

²¹ I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. ²² I love God's law with all my heart. ²³ But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. ²⁴ Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? ²⁵ Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin.

Mark 14:39 Again He went away and prayed, and spoke the same words. 40 And when He returned, He found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy; and they did not know what to answer Him. 41 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."

In CLOSING

"What do you have in your hand?" (Ex 4:2)

Mark 10:42-45 (NKJV)⁴² But Jesus called them to *Himself* and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. ⁴⁴ And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

NEXT WEEK: April 7th - Lesson SIXTEEN...Arrest and Trial (Mark 14: 43-15:15)