

**Mark 14:1–51**  
**Following God's Will Alone**

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# Notes on Mark's Literary Style

- After giving evidence of Jesus as Messiah, Mark propels us to Jerusalem and the Cross.
- The montage of Chapter 14 highlights rapidly moving events that isolate Jesus
- Jesus is in focus throughout the chapter

# Judas Betrayal

- **Mark 14:1–2** The chief priests and scribes search for a stealthy means to isolate Jesus and capture him.
- **Mark 14:10–11** Bookending the meal at Bethany, Judas fills the role of traitor as the twelve begin to isolate Jesus before the Cross.
- **Mark 14:17–21** At the Passover, Jesus announces the betrayal but that isolates him even further as the disciples focus on themselves.
- **Mark 14:43–46** Judas completes his betrayal with a kiss and finalizes Jesus' isolation as all of his disciples desert him.

## Mark 14:3–5

While he was **at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper**, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But **some were there who said to one another in anger**, “Why was the **ointment wasted in this way**? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the **money given to the poor.**” And they scolded her.

## Mark 14:6–9

But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? **She has performed a good service for me.** For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. **She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial.** Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, **what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.**”

## Mark 14:12–14

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, “**Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?**” So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go into the city, and **a man carrying a jar of water will meet you**; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks, **Where is my guest room** where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’”



## Mark 14:15–16

He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.” So the disciples set out and went to the city, and **found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.**

## Mark 14:17–21

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, **“Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.”** They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, **“Surely, not I?”** He said to them, **“It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.”**

## **Mark 14:22–24**

**While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”**

## Mark 14:26–28

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, “**You will all become deserters**; for it is written,

**‘I will strike the shepherd,  
and the sheep will be scattered.’**

**But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.”**

# Mark 14:29–31

Peter said to him, “**Even though all become deserters, I will not.**” Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this day, **this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.**” But he said vehemently, “**Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.**” And **all of them said the same.**

## Mark 14:32–36

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “**Sit here while I pray.**” He took with him Peter and James and John, and **began to be distressed and agitated.** And he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.” And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; **remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.**”

## Mark 14:26–28

He came and **found them sleeping**; and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? **Could you not keep awake one hour?** Keep awake and **pray that you may not come into the time of trial**; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him.

## Mark 14:26–28

He came a third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. **See, my betrayer is at hand.**”



# **When we feel alone in following Jesus:**

- Remember He understands and is the source of grace and help – Hebrews 4:15–16**
- Remember the will of God is clear – Hebrews 10:21–25**
- Remember that Jesus has not left us alone – John 14:15–17**

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# **When we feel unworthy to follow:**

- Know that we were included in that offering of His body and blood – 1 Peter 1:18–19**
- Know that in doing God's will, Jesus made us His forever – Hebrews 10:10–14**