



the **GOSPEL**  
of **MARK**

# The “remembrance”

- Passover has been celebrated
  - Renewed in Jesus death and resurrection
  - Ended with a “hymn” – song of praise...
  - Ps 113-118 – “Hallel Songs” all part of Passover celebration, even today
  - Look at 118:22-29! The stone...
  - Even in their song, His sacrifice is FOCUS!

# The “lonely walk”

- They go out for a walk toward the Garden
  - “you will all fall away” skandalizo, stumble
  - Judas had already gone, now this...
  - Note the emphasis here – “I will strike” God
  - Jesus predicts their failure in the flesh
  - Lays the groundwork for their restoration
  - God knows our failures before they happen!

# Peter's cry

- They might fall away... not me~
- Jesus \*said – ‘this very night’
  - The warning was to help them remember
  - To know He knew...
- Peter responds in “insistence”
- Misses the promise of “Galilee”! (Mt 26:32)



# The Prayer Garden (32-42)

- Gethsemane = “an oil press” Aramaic
- Peter, James, John – note dramatic present
- Jesus came:
  - He needed to pray! *Proseuchomai*
  - He needed His friends to understand pray
  - 34 – Agony, suffering begin – sin bearing
  - *ekthambeo* (9:15; 16:5,6) struck with terror

# The Son of Man

- *ademoneo* - depressed
- 35 – *perilupos* – exceeding sorrow
- Prayed – hour of sin bearing...
- “keep watch” – Jesus needed them...
- How much more do we need one another!?
- 38 - Simon, could you not... and you will die?
- Keep watching and praying
- Willing spirit, weak flesh...

# No answer... (40)

- Prayer time of Jesus –
  - 40 – will we have an answer for Him?
  - 41 – 3rd time – rest on... too late...
  - Will we ever know the things lost...?
- The Betrayer is here!
- Jesus goes to meet him, no hiding anymore!
- Faced His Father's Will



# “Immediately”

- Jesus is still focused on the apostles
- Large armed group comes
  - Betrayed with a kiss... (45)
  - What was the charge? Whose authority?
  - The beginning of the breaking of laws...
- Apostles try in the “weak flesh” (Jn 18:10)
  - Courage is commendable, but method is not
  - Physical force is not God’s plan here

# The “Jesus Style”

- An ear is lost... Jn 18:10 Peter; Lk 22:51
  - Jesus ‘heals’ the man...
- You need swords? Clubs? Am I a ‘robber’?
  - Mt 27:38, Mk 15:27 – others crucified...
- I was openly preaching in the Temple...
  - Fulfilled Scripture...
  - They ALL flee...

# The ‘streaker...’

- A side story...”young man”
  - John Mark himself? John?
  - Leaves his “sheet” behind...