

# **Journey Through the New Testament**

## **Mark 12 – 16**

### ***Series: Do as I Do!***

### ***Cross Training***

**3-3-19**

#### ***Introduction***

Jesus and the disciples had been making their way to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover meal. On the way, Jesus revealed many truths to them as his betrayal and impending death approached. The disciples are certain that they would never desert Jesus, but when the time came their behavior proved otherwise.

#### ***Opening Prayer***

O God, we confess that we would like to see your power and miraculous signs just as the first disciples did. We imagine that we could follow you better if we knew what was coming. We imagine that we would be better at believing if only we could know the details ahead of time. Send your power and grant us faith to believe where we have not yet seen. Amen.

#### ***Bible Study Mark 14:12-31 (CEB)***

***Lesson Notes:*** Ask a group member to read Mark 14:12-21 and another to read 22-31. As the scripture is read, note that Jesus is giving the disciples a “heads up on several things;” telling them what is about to happen and what they will do in response.

#### ***What?***

1. When the disciples arrived in Jerusalem, what did Jesus instruct them to do? (v. 13)
2. During the Passover meal, what astounding news did Jesus reveal to them? (v. 17-18)
3. What do the disciples do when they hear that one in their group will betray Jesus? (v.19-21)

***Lesson Notes:*** The Passover meal commemorates God’s deliverance of the Jews from slavery in Egypt. While in captivity and with Moses leading the way, the blood of a lamb was placed on the doorpost of the Hebrew homes and the angel of

death, the last of the plagues, “passed over” sparing the death of the Hebrews’ first-born. The meal is a Jewish symbol of freedom and redemption. (Exodus 12, Harper-Collins Bible Dictionary)

4. Bread and cups of wine were part of the Passover meal. But breaking from tradition, Jesus changed the ritual. What did Jesus say about these items? (v. 22-25)
5. When the meal was finished, Jesus announced more bad news to come. What does Peter think of this prediction? (v. 27-31)
6. What was the hopeful news in this announcement?

### ***So What?***

1. So what made the disciples think that they would be strong and faithful even when Jesus told them in advance that they would “all fall away?”
2. Do you think it would be easier to be faithful if you had more upfront knowledge about what was coming? Why or why not?
3. Do you think it would be easier to be faithful if you saw all the miracles and power that Jesus demonstrated for the disciples? Why or why not?
4. So what do these scenes tell us about Jesus’ disciples? About human nature? About ourselves?

### ***Now What?***

1. Now, having considered these things, what will help you believe the truths of Jesus, even when circumstances are difficult?
2. Even Jesus prayed to be spared from “the cup of suffering.” (v. 36) His ultimate focus, however, was faithfulness to the will of the Father. Jesus is our example— “Do as I do!”

### ***Closing***

*What can I believe except what Jesus taught: that only what is first broken, like bread, can be shared; that only what is broken is open to your entry; that old wineskins must be ripped open and replaced if the wine of new life is to expand?*

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