

STUDY SEVEN MARK 14: 26-72

Split the passage up between a couple of members of the group, then read without rushing.

During this study, aim to carefully take notice of what is happening, in what is probably an extremely familiar section of Scripture.

Q1 As you study these verses, consider Jesus as fully man and fully God.

(Colossians 2:9; John 1:1,14; Philippians 2:5b-8)

Q2 If you were physically near an extremely close friend who was overwhelmingly distressed and troubled, telling you that their soul was sorrowful near the point of death, and who asked you to pray, what would you expect *your* reaction to be?

Q3 Consider 'The CUP' which Jesus asks His Heavenly Father to remove from Him, though according to God's will. How does it relate to Jesus' predictions in 10:32-34?

Yet, the Cup involves far more. Investigate the following OT passages to understand what Jesus' suffering as the Christ would involve:

Isaiah 53:4,6,10a,12c ; John 3:16; 2Corinthians 5:21

Q4 Verse 37-38. If Simon Peter and the disciples had earnestly prayed and kept watchful, what may they have been better prepared for?

Q5 A crowd with weapons arrives in Gethsemane 14:43, along with Judas, one of the 12. How do you see that Jesus is not taken by surprise? What is ironic and tragic about Judas's actions? (Mark 14:21)

Q6 Peter and the other disciples had declared in 14:29-31 their loyalty even to death. Through the rest of chapter 14, what do we see unfold?

Q7 What about *you*? When do you find you deny or are disloyal to Jesus?

Q8 All the powerful groups of Jewish leaders, the Sanhedrin, gather this night, seeking to destroy Jesus and His ministry. They could not find any evidence to condemn Jesus. Prior to this time, Jesus had aimed to hide His identity. What do we see in 14:61-62a? **

Q9 How does Jesus further define His person and seal His fate in verses 62b-65? What is He revealing? (Daniel 7:13-14)

PRAYER IN GROUPS

Thank God for loving us so deeply that He sent His precious Son Jesus to suffer and bear our sin upon Himself.

May we be strong when tempted to be disloyal to our Lord and Saviour

NOTES

Re Q1 See The Nicean Creed to think more about Jesus as God made Man.

**Jesus' open declaration as The Christ.

Maybe it is incidental, but Jesus defines Himself as: I AM, the person and name of YHWH (Exodus 3:14.) This puts Himself as equal to God.