



Sermon Overview

The theme of Mark 14 is the abandonment of Jesus. The chapter opens with Jesus and the disciples in Jerusalem, where he is teaching and debating with the religious leaders. Everything, in other words, is as it has been in the Gospel so far. But following the Lord's Supper, a rapid and total defection follows, leaving Jesus alone and abandoned. However, the more Jesus is betrayed, deserted and vilified, the more he shows himself to be sovereign over the situation.

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Getting Started

1. What meals have you shared with others that mark a significant moment or relationship?

Starting with God

2. Read verses 3-9. Why is the woman criticized for her actions? Why does Jesus call her act "beautiful"?

3. In what specific ways should we strive to act like the woman who anointed Jesus?

7. The word “Abba” in v. 36 is an equivalent to our use of “daddy” or “papa.” What does this tell us about Jesus’ suffering?

8. In all ways — and especially in the passion — Jesus is perfectly obedient to the Father. Why is his obedience significant to us? What difference does it make?

9. In what other ways is Jesus’ example in the garden full of practical comfort and guidance for us?

10. Read Mark 14:58. First, Jesus is accused of saying that he will destroy the temple and replace it in three days. In what way is this charge false? Yet in what way is this charge true?

11. In 14:61-62, Jesus is accused of blasphemy. Is he innocent or guilty of this charge?

Living God's Word

12. In this week's text, Peter is shown as making several mistakes. What are Peter's mistakes and how can we avoid them?

Prayer

*Father God,
Thank you for your compassionate and sovereign control over all of redemptive history.
Please form my heart to look to you for my redemptive history. Please guide my heart to fix
my eyes on the person and work of Jesus Christ for my joy and salvation.
Amen.*