

# Study Guide

This study guide is designed to help you to become more familiar with the Bible. Study these passages on your own, with a friend, or with a group. If you or someone you know needs a Bible, please take one from under a chair in the Worship Center. They are there for you to take home and use! Message manuscripts are available at [www.spwired.com](http://www.spwired.com).

**Monday—Read Mark 14:12-42.** In this passage Jesus takes part in the traditional Jewish Seder meal with his disciples. It's the meal and ritual where Jews remember when God delivered them from the angel of death and started them on their journey to the Promised Land. In order to be protected from the angel of death a lamb had to be sacrificed and it's blood placed on the door frame of the home. The parallels to Jesus are clear. He is the lamb of God by whose blood we are given life. Jesus knows he is nearing his death. In the garden of Gethsemane what does Jesus pray? How could the disciples sleep while Jesus prayed in anguish?

**Tuesday — Read Mark 14:43-72.** Notice that those who come to capture Jesus are not the Romans, they are the Jewish authorities. What is Jesus response to them? Some scholars say that verse 51 refers to Mark, the writer of this gospel. He could very well have been that young man who would later travel with Peter and write down this Gospel. What must it have felt like for Jesus to see his disciples abandon him? Peter had just sworn loyalty to Jesus and now runs away with the others. Why? What does it say about Peter that he later followed Jesus to the home of the high priest?

**Wednesday — Read Mark 15:1-32.** This passage begins early on Friday morning. Since the Jews could not carry out a death sentence in light of Roman law, they take Jesus before the Roman governor, Pilate. Why did Jesus say so few words to Pilate in his defense? Why, did Pilate hand Jesus over to be crucified when he knew that Jesus was innocent? Notice that Jesus was not only crucified, but humiliated. Why do you think they did this to him? **Make plans to take part in the special worship service tomorrow at 7p.m.**

**Thursday — Read Mark 15:33-47.** In verses 34 and 35 Jesus is quoting a passage from the Old Testament. It comes from Psalm 22 and begins with a cry of hopelessness and ends with the light of hope. When Jesus dies, what does the centurion say? What did he see that day that made that impact? What did Joseph of Arimathea risk by asking for Jesus body? **Don't forget about the Maundy Thursday service tonight at 7p.m.. It will set the stage for an amazing Easter.**

**Friday — Read Mark 16.** What does it tell you that the first people to see Jesus were the women? What boldness must they have had to risk going to the tomb? In verse 7 the angel tells the women to go tell Jesus' disciples **and Peter** to meet him in Galilee. Why the emphasis on Peter? Why were the women so afraid? Verses 8 through 20 give us two endings of Mark. If you have time, compare these endings to those of Matthew, Luke and John. What are the differences? What are the similarities?

## Prayer Concerns

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