

Mark Chapter 14 – Workbook Questions

“The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners”. (14:41)

1. What are you learning about the story of the woman who visits Jesus at Simon’s house, given the context of where the story takes place? What does it mean in light of the events swirling around it?
2. Compare Judas with the woman who comes to Simon’s house. What do you see that you might not have before, given where they both appear in the unfolding events of the Passion Week?
3. How do you explain the cross? Why did Jesus have to go through it? Was it a brutal victory for his enemies? What other explanation could there be? (Do your best to use non-CS jargon, practicing for future ecumenical conversations!)
4. What role does the crowd play during Jesus’ arrest? What happens during the arrest? What is Mark trying to show?
5. Do some research on the Sanhedrin. Who were they and how did they function, particularly in this chapter?!

Mark Chapter 15 – Workbook Questions

“And they began saluting him, ‘Hail King of the Jews’”. (15:18)

1. The chapter opens with a 2nd trial: with whom/what does it take place, compared to the first?
2. What is meant by the ‘suffering servant’ passages? Where are those in the OT? How do they play a role in this chapter and by Jesus?
3. What is the point of the Barabbas character to Mark the writer? What does it say about the people/crowds?
4. How do you interpret the rending of the veil? What other event occurs close to this and what is their relationship?
5. What does the confession by the Centurion mean, given the rest of the huge events of this chapter?
6. **Bonus question:** What lessons do you take away from the Gethsemane experience in regard to Jesus’ obedience?