

Mark 14

ASVh with Comments

Summary. In this chapter, we are given a few places where the Lord sojourned prior to the crucifixion, but not in a timely order. 1) At Bethany in the house of Simon, the leper. Here in this house, a few events happened: a) Jesus sat at the table where a woman anointed Him with a very costly ointment of pure nard; b) some showed indignation that this woman wasted the costly ointment on the Lord; c) the Lord tells them that the woman did a beautiful thing for Him, she anointed beforehand His body for burial. 2) A large upper room furnished and ready in a house in the city. In this room, the Lord Jesus eats the Passover with His twelve disciples, His last Passover before He was crucified, and He tells them about the things that will happen to Him: a) He tells them that one of them will betray Him; b) He institutes the Lord's supper as a symbol for the new covenant in His blood. 3) They went out to the Mount of Olives. Here the Lord tells His disciples that they will all fall away as it is written in the Scripture (See Zechariah 13:7): a) Peter, however, testifies that he will not betray the Lord; b) the Lord tells Peter that He will deny the Lord three times before the rooster crows twice. 4) A place called Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives. Here the Lord Jesus goes to pray earnestly to the Father about His departure from the disciples because the work on earth is not done yet: a) Jesus takes three of His disciples with Him to witness Him praying to the Father. 5) The place on the Mount of Olives where the betrayer came with a crowd with clubs and swords to capture Jesus. 6) They led Jesus to the palace of the high priest. Other things happening in this place are: a) Peter follows the Lord into the courtyard of the palace of the high priest; b) the chief priests and the council seek testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but they found none, only false witnesses; c) Jesus testifies to them that He is the Christ the Son of the Blessed; d) They condemn Jesus of blasphemy and condemn Him to death and begin to mock and abuse Him. 7) Below in the courtyard. Here Peter denies the Lord three times before the rooster crows twice: a) Afterwards, Peter remembered what the Lord said to him, and he broke down and wept.

14¹ Now after two days was the feast of the Passover and the unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take **Him** with subtlety, and kill **Him**:

² for they said, Not during the feast, **fearing that by chance** there shall be a tumult of the people.

Comments Mark 14:1-2. For Mark 14:1-2 see Comments Matthew 26:2-5 and Comments Luke 22:1-2.

Additional Comments. The Lord has been called the Passover Lamb, and that is why He will be crucified as the Passover Lamb to save the whole world, not just the chosen people. The Lord has known what will happen to Him, but He still walks ahead with it. The love for humans has power for the Lord; He walks through the death on the cross as the Passover Lamb; that is the love of the Lord for humans. So, when you look at the cross, think of the One that has been crucified for the humans.

³ And while **He** was in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as **He** sat at **the table**, there came a woman having an alabaster **jar** of ointment of pure nard very costly; and she **broke** the **jar**, and poured it over **His** head.

⁴ But there were some that had indignation among themselves, saying, To what purpose **has** this waste of the ointment been made?

⁵ For this ointment might have been sold for above three hundred shillings, and given to the poor. And they murmured against her.

⁶ But **Jesus** said, Let her alone; why trouble **you** her? she **has worked** a good work on **Me**.

⁷ For **you** have the poor always with you, and **whenever you will you** can do them good: but **Me** you have not always.

⁸ She **has** done what she could; she **has** anointed **My** body beforehand for the burying.

⁹ And **truly I** say to you, **Wherever** the gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, that also which this woman **has** done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.

Comments Mark 14:3-9. For Mark 14:3-9 see Comments Matthew 26:6-13.

¹⁰ And Judas Iscariot, he that was one of the twelve, went away to the chief priests, that he might deliver **Him** to them.

¹¹ And they, when they heard it, were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently deliver **Him** to them.

Comments Mark 14:10-11. For Mark 14:10-11 see Comments Matthew 26:14-16 and Luke 22:3-6.

Q: In Mark 14:11 it says “and promised to give him money” while in Matthew 26:15 it says “and they paid him thirty pieces of silver”; yet in Mark 14:1 it tells the time being two days before the Passover, so the question is how did they have time to do all the evil activity? **A:** Per day, humans can do many evil things; even evil thought works all the time, never stops. When the heart does not glorify the Lord, the mind is under the power of the dark, and it thinks and leads the body to do the work for it; it doesn’t need a long time for all these evil things to take place. Also, notice that there is a gap of time between these verses. When the betrayer goes to offer himself, he has received the promise for money as shown in Mark and Luke, but after a while, when the plot in his head has been accomplished, he goes back and receives the money as told in Matthew; the price of the beloved Son has been set by His people to be “thirty pieces of silver.”

¹² And on the first day of unleavened bread, when they sacrificed the Passover, **His** disciples say unto **Him**, Where **will Thou** that we go and make ready that **Thou may** eat the Passover?

¹³ And **He sends** two of **His** disciples, and **says to** them, Go into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him;

¹⁴ and **wherever** he shall enter in, say to the master of the house, The **Teacher says**, Where is **My** guest-chamber, where **I** shall eat the Passover with **My** disciples?

¹⁵ And he will himself show you a large upper room furnished and ready: and there make ready for **Us**.

¹⁶ And the disciples went **out**, and came into the city, and found as **He** had said **to** them: and they made ready the Passover.

¹⁷ And when it was evening **He comes** with the twelve.

¹⁸ And as they sat and were eating, **Jesus** said, **Truly I say to** you, One of you shall betray **Me**, even he that **eats** with **Me**.

¹⁹ They began to be sorrowful, and to say unto **Him** one by one, Is it I?

²⁰ And **He** said **to** them, It is one of the twelve, he that **dips** with **Me** in the dish.

²¹ For the **Son of Man goes**, even as it is written of **Him**: but woe **to** that man through whom the **Son of Man** is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had not been born.

Comments Mark 14:12-21. For Mark 14:12-21 see Comments Matthew 26:17-25, and Comments Luke 22:7-13.

²² And as they were eating, **He** took bread, and when **He** had blessed, **He broke** it, and gave to them, and said, Take **you**: this is **My** body.

²³ And **He** took a cup, and when **He** had given thanks, **He** gave to them: and they all drank of it.

²⁴ And **He** said **to** them, This is **My** blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.

²⁵ **Truly I say to** you, **I** shall no more drink of the fruit of the vine, until that day when **I** drink it new in the kingdom of **God**.

Comments Mark 14:22-25. For Mark 14:22-25 see Comments Matthew 26:26-29, and Comments Luke 22:14-20.

Additional Comments. The bread the Lord and the disciples used at the Passover meal was unleavened bread. For us, as Christians, we should think that “unleavened bread” also signifies that Jesus is sinless and pure. He was born in the body of flesh, but He is completely clean, He never commits any sin; He lives with the body that is of the dust of the earth, but it is clean; no human being can be as clean as Jesus.

When baptizing in water, we baptize in His blood of the covenant, and we should use the practice of baptizing by immersion under the water. When you don’t immerse underwater, you do not follow the

Lord's example. The Bible says that Jesus is the example to follow for all humans on earth, be baptized by immersion under water, not sprinkled over with water.

“I drink it new in the kingdom of God”; In this place, pay attention to the word new. New here is not of this earth but of heaven; the heavenly wine is when the Lord will take His children with Him in heaven when we all shall drink new heavenly wine with Him. The verse also clarifies that the wine of this earth is not the same as heavenly wine. The Lord Himself will not take the wine of the earth into his body when the Lord's body returns to heaven. He will drink it new in heaven, the wine of heaven; this wine is not related to alcohol wine; heavenly wine is different. We will not understand the meaning of heavenly wine until that day comes.

²⁶ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

²⁷ And **Jesus** says to them, All you shall be offended: for it is written, I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered abroad.

²⁸ However, after I am raised up, I will go before you into Galilee.

²⁹ But Peter said unto Him, Although all shall be ^[P]offended, yet will not I.

³⁰ And **Jesus** says to him, Truly I say to you, that you today, even this night, before the cock crow twice, will deny Me three times.

³¹ But he spoke exceedingly vehemently, If I must die with Thee, I will not deny Thee. And in like manner also said they all.

Comments Mark 14:26-31. For Mark 14:26-31 see Comments Matthew 26:30-35.

Comments Mark 14:27. “I will strike the shepherd”; This place refers to the heart of humans that did not acknowledge the Lord; even they have seen the miracles the Lord had performed many times, humans still are ignorant and don't acknowledge the Lord; this is the “I” referring here (for short this “I” is the sin of humans that had covered the eyes).

Additional Comments. As the Bible has told, the disciples themselves, the ones that always see the miracles, all stumbled and fled and ran away from the Lord because of fear, but not lack of faith in this place. The fear is the main issue here for the disciples to fight against, but the Lord has prepared them. He already told them the plan for finding Him in three days; this helped them sustain their faith because they knew the Lord would never lie to them. If the Lord says He is back, the disciples all believed that He would come back as He said; all people should believe as well. If the Bible has told something, the Lord can't lie; the Bible is the true Word of God, it can't have any lie in it; people should think twice before they talk something against the Bible. The Bible is the basis of life for humans; the Lord's mercy has been shown clearly when He gave the Bible to humans; the way to be saved is found here in the Bible.

³² And they come to a place which was named Gethsemane: and He says to His disciples, Sit you here, while I pray.

³³ And He takes with Him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly amazed, and severely troubled.

³⁴ And He says to them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful even unto death: remain you here, and watch.

³⁵ And He went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass away from Him.

³⁶ And He said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto Thee; remove this cup from Me: however not what I will, but what Thou wilt.

³⁷ And He comes, and finds them sleeping, and says to Peter, Simon, sleep you? could you not watch one hour?

³⁸ Watch and pray, that you enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

³⁹ And again He went away, and prayed, saying the same words.

⁴⁰ And again **He** came, and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they knew not what to answer **Him**.

⁴¹ And **He comes** the third time, and **says to** them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough; the hour **has** come; behold, the **Son of Man** is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

⁴² Arise, let us be going: behold, he that **betrays Me** is at hand.

Comments Mark 14:32-42. For Mark 14:32-42 see Comments Matthew 26:36-46, and Comments Luke 22:40-46.

Additional Comments Mark 14:32. Gethsemane is a place on the Mount of Olives; it was a big area separated by a group of trees very close to each other, looking like a natural wall. Because it has a natural fence of trees, for the Lord, it felt like a personal area where He goes for prayer (was like the private room for the Lord), a natural private place for the Lord to pray, not made by humans hands.

Additional Comments Mark 14:33. This here, it doesn't look like anything happening, but what these three witnessed, people would want to see as well, to see the Lord Himself pray earnestly to the Father. Because these three will face their own challenges later on in life, they will see the picture in their eyes when the Lord was on the ground praying; if their Lord bows to the ground to the Father, in them they will know who above who is, as the Bible says, Three in One but the Father is above all. They call the Lord in many ways, Master, Teacher, Lord, but at this point in their hearts, it will confirm to them that the Lord also is the beloved Son of the Father; if their Lord falls to the ground to worship the Father, how much more they should be below. This will help them when they face the challenges; even the beloved Son faces challenges, they are no different; everyone has their own difficult time in life, these three will face their own difficult times, but the picture of their Lord will help lift their faith up.

⁴³ And **straightaway**, while **He** yet **spoke**, **comes** Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.

⁴⁴ Now he that betrayed **Him** had given them a token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that is **He**; take **Him**, and lead **Him** away safely.

⁴⁵ And when he was come, **straightaway** he came to **Him**, and **says**, **Rabbi**; and kissed **Him**.

⁴⁶ And they laid hands on **Him**, and took **Him**.

⁴⁷ But a certain one of them that stood by drew his sword, and smote the servant of the high priest, and struck off his ear.

⁴⁸ And **Jesus** answered and said **to** them, Are **you** come out, as against a robber, with swords and staves to seize **Me**?

⁴⁹ **I** was daily with you in the temple teaching, and **you** took **Me** not: but this is done that the scriptures might be fulfilled.

⁵⁰ And they all left **Him**, and fled.

Comments Mark 14:43-50. For Mark 14:43-50 see Comments Matthew 26:47-56, and Comments Luke 22:47-53. Remember, there is only one Holy Spirit, the passages of Scripture may be different in some of the wording, but the meaning is the same.

⁵¹ And a certain young man followed with **Him**, having a linen cloth cast about him, over his naked body: and they lay hold on him;

⁵² but he left the linen cloth, and fled naked.

Comments Mark 14:51-52. This verse tells us clearly that this young man is like an inspector, not one of the disciples. He has seen all the commotion and followed up, as a spectator, as nowadays is the same, many spectators, but at the end depends what you choose to follow. If you follow, but you are not ready as this young man, pay attention to the way of his dress, you will be the same, naked and empty. As many want to follow the Lord but have not prepared themselves to the Word and not studied the Word, they will be dressed no differently than this man; let the Word be the cloth of your soul, this is a spiritual comparison for humans to see.

⁵³ And they led **Jesus** away to the high priest: and there come together with **Him** all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes.

⁵⁴ And Peter had followed **Him** afar off, even within, into the court of the high priest; and he was sitting with the officers, and warming himself in the light of the fire.

⁵⁵ Now the chief priests and the whole council sought witness against **Jesus** to put **Him** to death; and found it not.

⁵⁶ For many bare false witness against **Him**, and their witness agreed not together.

⁵⁷ And there stood up certain, and bare false witness against **Him**, saying,

⁵⁸ We heard **Him** say, **I** will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands.

⁵⁹ And not even so did their witness agree together.

⁶⁰ And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked **Jesus**, saying, **Answer Thou** nothing? what is it which these witness against **Thee**?

⁶¹ But **He** held **His** peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked **Him**, and **says** unto **Him**, **Art Thou** the **Christ**, the **Son** of the **Blessed**?

⁶² And **Jesus** said, **I** am: and **you** shall see the **Son of Man** sitting at the right hand of **Power**, and coming with the clouds of heaven.

⁶³ And the high priest **torn** his clothes, and **says**, What further need have we of witnesses?

⁶⁴ **You** have heard the blasphemy: what think **you**? And they all condemned **Him** to be worthy of death.

⁶⁵ And some began to spit on **Him**, and to cover **His** face, and to **hit Him**, and to say unto **Him**, **Prophesy**: and the officers received **Him** with blows of their hands.

Comments Mark 14:53-65. For Mark 14:53-65 see Comments Matthew 26:57-68.

Comparison Analysis

Mark 14:53-54, Matthew 26:57-58. See Comments Matthew 26:58.

Mark 14:55-59, Matthew 26:59-61. See Comments Matthew 26:59-61.

Additional Comments. What the Lord said to them, if they destroy this temple, meaning His body, He can rebuild it in three days, but the Lord never said that He Himself will destroy anything. He is not the God of destroying; He is the God that gave His life to save those who want to kill Him; He has no destroying feeling in Him, He was not even angry at them. He looked at them, and He already saw what they would do to Him, but the Lord Himself still wants to save them and bring them to the kingdom of God to be saved; that is the God who came down, no destroying in Him, only love, grace and mercy.

Mark 14:60-61, Matthew 26:62-63. See Comments Matthew 26:63.

Here, they have already blamed themselves; the Lord did not condemn; they do it themselves. Many humans do this as well; they know who Jesus is by their question but do not believe.

Mark 14:62, Matthew 26:64. See Comments Matthew 26:64.

By the answer, the Lord gives "I am," that it shows His will to take the suffering, because when someone admits in front "I am the Son of God," He fully knows that they will condemn Him to be killed, but also, He cannot lie as well. It tells us clearly how the Lord will take His time with His own will to receive the suffering and death from the creatures He has created. The Lord will not deny anything, He has given them all, clearly who He is, but they did not receive it by themselves; the guilt lies upon themselves. The verse tells clearly who the Lord is. He will be crucified on earth, but what would humans' eyes see when He returns?

Mark 14:63-64a, Matthew 26:65-66. See Comments Matthew 26:65-66.

The high priest tore his own cloth only to make people think harder about who is guilty in this place. When the high priest tore his cloth, he had already condemned himself; he used that action to cover people's eyes. So, instead of people seeing the Lord, the picture they have is the high priest tearing his cloth. This is

another way to make people shut up; even some people disagree, they will not have the courage to confront the action of the high priest; this has covered all disagreement; it is a smart fox action.

Mark 14:64b-65, Matthew 26:66b-68. See Comments Matthew 26:67-68.

- ⁶⁶ And as Peter was beneath in the court, there **comes** one of the maids of the high priest;
⁶⁷ and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked upon him, and **says**, You also **were** with the **Nazarene**, even **Jesus**.
⁶⁸ But he denied, saying, I neither know, nor understand what **you say**: and he went out into the porch; and the cock **crowed**.
⁶⁹ And the maid saw him, and began again to say to them that stood by, This is one of them.
⁷⁰ But he again denied it. And after a little while again they that stood by said to Peter, of a truth **you are** one of them; for **you are** a Galilean.
⁷¹ But he began to curse, and to swear, I know not this **Man** of whom **you** speak.
⁷² And **straightaway** the second time the cock **crowded**. And Peter called to mind the word, how that **Jesus** said to him, Before the cock crows twice, **you will deny Me** thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept.

Comments Mark 14:66-72. For Mark 14:66-72 see Comments Matthew 26:69-75, and Comments Luke 22:55-62.

Comparison Analysis

Mark 14:66-68a, Matthew 26:69-70. See Comments Matthew 26:70.

Additional Comments. We ourselves can notice the way to get out of a situation is through lying; we all do lie. The disciples were humans like us, no difference, when put out in a corner, they will try to find the way out even by lying; the mouth speaks out between the head thinking and heart thinking; the mouth is the door of lies, the heart cannot lie to the Lord, but the mouth is used to lie to the Lord.

Mark 14:68b-70a, Matthew 26:71-72. See Comments Matthew 26:71-72.

“And the maid saw him”; this here is a different maid that saw and recognized Peter. The first one was one of the high priest’s maids (See Mark 14:66). The second one was just a maid. At that time, the life of the priest was different than ordinary people; as a personal maid, it makes her closer to the high priest than the rest of the maids; the high priest will listen to her voice.

Mark 14:70b-71, Matthew 26:73-74. See Comments Matthew 26:74.

Remember, Peter is human as well, even if he is one of the disciples of the Lord, but he is still just a human; as well as for us, fear has power, fear has covered Peter’s eyes.

Mark 14:72, Matthew 26:74b-75. See Comments Matthew 26:75.

“And straightaway the second time the cock crowded”. **Q:** Why the difference in comparison with the Gospel of Matthew where it says, “And immediately the rooster crowed”? **A:** If you think carefully, in these verses, both Gospels are the same; just in Matthew, it does not mention first and the second rooster crowing; it did not count to tell, but it does not make the meaning different. The human mind will interpret the way they understand, but the Bible clarifies that Peter will deny the Lord and the rooster will crow; just two things to think about.

In Mark, we have “before the cock crows twice, you will deny Me thrice,” and in Matthew, we have “before the cock crows, you will deny Me thrice”; here, it doesn’t matter how many times the rooster crowed, the point is that Peter denied the Lord before the rooster crowed. In Matthew, it doesn’t mean it is the first crow of the day; it is just a sign for Peter to remember that the rooster will crow after he denies the Lord.

Life and Faith Applications. 1) We all should do good and beautiful things in the name of the Lord regardless of the cost. 2) Participate in the communion of the Lord; it was given to us as a remembrance of the suffering of the Lord Jesus on the cross (See 1 Corinthians 11:23-26). 3) In the garden of Gethsemane, the Lord fell down to the ground to pray earnestly to the Father, so how much more we should do that when we face challenges in life. Even the Beloved Son faces challenges; we are no different; everyone has a difficult time in life. 4) There are many ways these days that we can betray the Lord’s love, but we should specifically watch that we do not

use the name of the Lord in vain. 5) Don't let your mouth speak ahead of your heart; the heart cannot lie to the Lord, but the mouth is used to lie to the Lord. The One who lives in the heart knows very well when your mouth speaks lies.