

Sermon Outline

THE LAST SUPPER | Geoff Lin

Bible Reading: Mark 14:1-11, 12-26 (p. 1448)

Meet Jesus		
1/2	Enter the King	Mk 11:1-11
8/2	A King to shake up the status quo	Mk 11:12-25
15/2	Challenge #1: from the religious elite	Mk 11:27-12:12
22/2	Challenge #2: from secular society	Mk 12:13-17
1/3	Challenge #3: from human experience	Mk 12:18-27
8/3	Challenge #4: from "religion"	Mk 12:28-34
15/3	Challenge #5: from Jesus	Mk 12:35-44
22/3	The End of the World	Mk 13:1-37
29/3	The Last Supper	Mk 14:1-26
3/4	Good Friday: "Surely this man was the Son of God!"	Mk 14:27-15:47
5/4	Easter Sunday: "He has risen! He is not here!"	Mk 16:1-8

Mk 1:1 The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God,

1. The story so far (vv1-2)

Mk 3:6 Then **the Pharisees** went out and began to plot with **the Herodians** how they might kill Jesus.

Mk 11:18 **The chief priests** and **the teachers of the law** heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching.

Mk 8:31 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that **he must be killed and after three days rise again.**

Mk 9:30 They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, 31 because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. **They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.**"

Mk 10:33 "**We are going up to Jerusalem,**" he said, "and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, 34 who will mock him and spit on him, flog him **and kill him. Three days later he will rise.**"

Mk 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, **and to give his life as a ransom for many.**

2. Anointing at Bethany: preparing for burial (vv3-11)

Q. Who is this woman?

Q. Who are these onlookers ("some of those present")?

Mk 2:17 On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

3. The Last Supper: a new interpretation of an ancient ritual (vv12-26)

i. Meal prep (vv12-16)

ii. The ugliness of betrayal (vv17-21)

iii. "Eat His body ... drink His blood" (vv22-26)

1 Cor 5:7 Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For **Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.**

Q. Why does Jesus go through this whole ritual?

- "eat His body ... drink His blood" = "painting lamb's blood over doorway"

So what, for us?

i. Why doesn't Jesus tell His disciples to repeat this ceremony?

1 Cor 11:23 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 **For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

ii. The Passover Lamb (in Exodus) vs THE Passover Lamb (Jesus on the cross)

- Christ's death is sufficient for all but only effective for some (actually for "many"!)

iii. We are the recipients of salvation (not the architect)

Gal 2:21 I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!