

February 14, 2016  
*The Bridge Bible Fellowship*  
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Mark 14:26-42

**“Gethsemane”**

- A. The Galilean Ministry: **Who** Jesus Is (the Christ the Son of God) – 1:14-9:50
- B. The Judean Ministry: **What** Jesus Came To Do – 10:1-15:41
  - 1. On the Way to Jerusalem (10:1-52)
  - 2. At the Temple in Jerusalem (11:1 - 13:37)
  - 3. In and Around Jerusalem (14:1 - 15:41)
    - a. **Plot** – 14:1-11
    - b. **Passover** – 14:12-26

**c. Prediction – 14:26-31 (cf. Mt. 26:30-35; Lk. 22:31-39; Jn. 13:36-38)**

**d. Prayer – 14:32-42 (Mt. 26:36-46; Lk. 22:39-46)**

**So what?**

## Discussion & Application:

1. Jesus tells the 11 disciples that they will ALL fall away based on Zech. 13:7. Go back and read Zech. 13. Who is the one that strikes down the shepherd in that passage? (See also Isaiah 53) Was Jesus the victim of circumstances or was this the original plan that He would die for us? If God sovereignly declared that the disciples would fall away are they still accountable for their actions?
2. Read Mark 14:28. How might that verse bring comfort to men who were just told they would all fall away? What comfort does it bring to you?
3. What is wrong with Peter's response in vv. 29 and 31? Who did he 'throw under the bus'? Peter exhibits what character problem(s) in this response? What passages of Scripture can you find that address this (these) character problem(s)? Did Peter ever learn from this mistake? What counsel did he give others so they wouldn't fall into the same trap?
4. Read Luke 22:31-34. What other insights do you gain about the temporary falling away of Peter and the other disciples? Why were they able to recuperate from this failure? Are we able to recuperate from our failures as well? What does Hebrews 7:25 say about this?
5. In the Incarnation, Jesus became 100% man and 100% God. Why was that necessary? How do we see the humanity of Jesus on display in Mark 14:32-36? Do you struggle with what you read in this passage? If so, why do you struggle? Have you ever thought that it was easier for Jesus to resist temptation because He was God?
6. What kind of struggle do you see Jesus having in this text? Is it sinful or weak to feel extremely deep emotions? Is it sinful or weak to be distressed, troubled, or grieved to the point of death? What are some typical clichés (both positive and negative) that Christians say when they see someone deeply emotional about something? Do you think we would have said those things to Jesus in the Garden?
7. Study the contrasts between Jesus and Peter in Mark 14 when confronted with temptation? Where did Jesus run when He was tempted? What did Peter do when he was told he would fall? How does Jesus end up after He prays? How does Peter end up after falling asleep instead of praying? What lessons can we learn from this contrast?
8. How honest can we be with God? Is it okay to tell Him exactly what we are feeling? It is okay to tell Him what we desire? Does God have to give us what we want? What do we see that God did give to Jesus in response to His prayers? What does God promise to give to us when we come to Him in honest prayer and submission to His will (Phil. 4:6-7)?