

Mark 14:26-52

Discussion Questions

Opener: What does it mean to be a “REAL man” or “REAL woman” in our culture?

1. *Read Mark 14:32-42.* So far, Mark has demonstrated that Jesus is the Son of God (cf. 1:1, 11; 9:7). What evidence is there at Gethsemane that Jesus is also *fully* human?
2. *Read Hebrews 2:14-18.* According to these verses, why is it so important that Jesus was fully human?
3. What does the depth of Jesus’ anguish in tell us about what he is about to face at the cross?
4. How should Jesus’ experience in Gethsemane encourage us when we feel overwhelmed, depressed or anxious? (see also Hebrews 4:14-16)
5. *Read Mark 14:26-42.* What differences does Mark highlight between Peter and Jesus in these verses?
6. Do you ever respond to suffering in the same way as Peter (i.e. with stoic defiance)? How is does Jesus present a better model to follow?
7. Jesus was a sinless and perfect man. What does Jesus response to suffering teach us about God’s view of what it means to be a “REAL” man (or woman)?

Prayer ideas:

Jesus’ response to the hardship was to cry out in humble dependence on His Father, ultimately submitting himself to God’s will.

If you feel comfortable, share a challenge you currently find overwhelming. Thank God that he has provided a faithful high priest who understands your suffering. Ask Him to help you depending on him and submit to will amid whatever you are facing.