

Mark 14:1-31

Discussion Questions

Opener: Are we experiencing an “highly coordinated, deliberate and systematic attack” on Christianity in our time?

Humanity’s evil plans

1. What role do each of the following play in Jesus’ crucifixion:
 - a. The religious leaders (Read vv. 1-2)
 - b. Judas (Read vv. 10-11)
 - c. The disciples (Read vv. 26-31)
2. How do we witness the same, varying degrees of opposition to Jesus today?
3. How do you feel when people either directly or subtly oppose Christianity? Why do you feel this way?

God’s eternal purposes

1. Skim through Mark 14:1-31 and note down all the evidence that God is ultimately the one in control (if you need help look at vv. 8-9, 12-16, 21, 22-25, 27-28)
2. Why will the woman’s act of devotion be remembered? (v. 9)
3. What is the significance of the fact that all of this is taking place at Passover?
4. God is using humanity’s evil plots to advance his eternal purposes. How should knowing this about God encourage us:
 - a. When we experience direct opposition like that of the religious leaders
 - b. When people who once walked with Jesus turn their backs on him like Judas
 - c. When fellow believers let us down like the disciples

Prayer ideas:

- Each share about a way that you are experiencing opposition for your faith – either directly or more subtly.
- Give thanks that God is in control in each situation and pray that he turns things on their head so they serve to advance his kingdom.