

Eastridge Church  
Sermon Study Questions

Series - Mark: The Untold Story of Jesus

Week 47: A Table Behind the Lines

Passage: Mark 14:10-26



Conversation Starter:

*What was your most memorable family dinner?*

**Re-read Mark 14:10-26**

As the passage opens, we are hit immediately with Judas' plans to betray Jesus. The 12 disciples are Jesus' closest followers and friends and it is stunning to see that he would be betrayed by one of them. *What is an important take away from the fact that it was one of Jesus' closest friends and followers that betrayed him?*

This sent the followers of Jesus into crises. Pastor Dwain stated that "Crises are a given in a fallen world." *From your experience what is the biggest crises facing Jesus' followers in our day and age? How do you handle crises in your life? From Jesus example in the passage, how are we to handle crises or opposition?*

One of the points of the sermon was that we needed to "assume" what Jesus says about us to be true. This is true in a negative sense, accepting the fact that we are all sinners in need of salvation. It is also true in a positive sense, that we are accepted into God's family if we repent and believe in the saving work of Jesus on the cross. What we "assume" or believe about ourselves is shaped by what we fill ourselves up with. *What are some of the items that our culture uses to try and fill us? Are any of those items ones that you battle with regularly? What are some practical ways to guard against those items?*

Finally, the passage finishes with Jesus leading his disciples in the first communion. He connects the bread that is being broken to His body and the cup that they were about to drink from with His blood. Early in the church's life, opponents of Christianity would use this teaching to try and say that Christians were cannibals and they needed to be eradicated. *Describe in your own words what communion represents. Why does Jesus use the phrase "my blood of the covenant"?*

*Close your time in prayer. Ask that God would help you be resilient in the face of opposition and that as you fill yourself with Scripture you will come to see clearer the powerful truth of the new covenant that Jesus began.*