

Lent: The Last Seven Days – Mark Scene 37

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Mark 14:26-52

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Reflection & Discussion Questions

Jesus relies on us to tell each other about who he is

He forces us to learn about him and make sense of him with the help of others.

*Why do you think he would choose this method of entrusting his message to ordinary people?

Read and discuss Mark 14:26-52 (NIV)

²⁶ *When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.*

²⁷ *"You will all fall away," Jesus told them, "for it is written:*

*"I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep will be scattered."*

²⁸ *But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."*

²⁹ *Peter declared, "Even if all fall away, I will not."*

³⁰ *"Truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "today—yes, tonight—before the rooster crows twice you yourself will disown me three times."*

³¹ *But Peter insisted emphatically, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the others said the same.*

³² *They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³ He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. ³⁴ "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch."*

³⁵ *Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."*

³⁷ *Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Simon," he said to Peter, "are you asleep? Couldn't you keep watch for one hour?" ³⁸ Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."*

³⁹ *Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. ⁴⁰ When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him.*

⁴¹ *Returning the third time, he said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. ⁴² Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"*

⁴³ *Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders.*

⁴⁴ *Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." ⁴⁵ Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. ⁴⁶ The men seized Jesus and arrested him. ⁴⁷ Then one of those standing near drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.*

⁴⁸ *"Am I leading a rebellion," said Jesus, "that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me?" ⁴⁹ Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled." ⁵⁰ Then everyone deserted him and fled.*

⁵¹ A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him, ⁵² he fled naked, leaving his garment behind.

*What is this passage saying? What does it show us about God?

*What does this passage seem to be saying to you specifically? Is there something here to act on or share?

*Why would humble dependence on God be better than emphatic commitment?

Efficiency and excellence are not the driving value of his kingdom

Grace, community, and interdependence are.

*How are we convincing evidence of God?

*What are the benefits to the plurality of leadership that Jesus set up with the disciples? What can be the challenges?

*Why do we need to learn from each other to be healthy? What have you learned in this way?

In heaven you won't be able to participate in God's plan of redemption on earth

It is only the living that get to partner with him to restore, repair and redeem this broken world.

*How is God using us, naked cowards, to establish his kingdom?

*What is he calling you to? What is keeping you from it?

*What new wine is he creatively asking you to lean into in this time?

Visual reflection (Visio Divina)* [Artist Pavel Popov](#)

Song for reflection [Garden](#) by NEEDTOBREATHE

*Visio divina – a thoughtful and slow way of contemplating a visual prompt like a piece of art, photograph or image and inviting God to speak to you through it. First, focus on the detail that your eyes are drawn to right away – keep focus there and pay attention to what thoughts and emotions you are having. Then, look at the entire image and consider it as a whole, being aware of thoughts, questions and emotions it provokes. End in silence and prayer, considering your experience and anything you feel called to respond to.