JESUS’ BLOOD OF THE COVENANT

Mark 14:1-26

Key Verse: 14:24

1. As the special festival was approaching, what were the religious leaders plotting (1-2)? What unusual thing did a woman do to Jesus (3)? Why were some indignant (4-5)? Contrast their view of Jesus with that of the woman.

2. How did Jesus defend the woman (6)? In what sense was her action beautiful (7-8)? How did Jesus honor her (9)? What might have motivated Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, to betray Jesus (10-11)?

3. In view of Israel’s history, why was this Passover so important (12; Ex 12:1-14; Jn 1:29; 1Co 5:7)? How did Jesus and his disciples prepare to celebrate it (13-16)?

4. What serious problem did Jesus bring up during the Passover meal and why (17-20)? How did Jesus want his disciples to understand Judas’ betrayal and his own death (21a)? How was this a warning to Judas Iscariot (21b)?

5. During the meal, how did Jesus explain the meaning of the bread and the cup (22-23; Jn 6:35,53-57)? Read verse 24. What do Jesus’ words, “my blood of the covenant” signify to us (Jer 31:31-34; Heb 9:14-15)? What hope does this give (25-26)?