

# Gospel of Mark: The King's Cross

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## Study 4: The King prepares for His cross

**READ** Mark 14:12-26 and **LISTEN** to the sermon by Pastor Craig.

**Big idea:** Jesus sovereignly predicts and prepares for His betrayal, suffering, and final victory

1. What is the danger of believing that Jesus was a good moral teacher who believed He was the Son of God, but wasn't? Can we still learn from Him?
2. Read vv. 12-16. Luke tells us that Jesus sent Peter and John only to prepare the Passover (Luke 22:8). Why do you think Jesus was so secretive with regards to the location of the Passover meal? (See Mark 14:10-11; Matt 9:4; John 2:24)  
  
It has been said that "This was without doubt the most historically significant meal in all human history." Do you agree/disagree, and why?
3. What might the disciples have thought when Jesus said that one of them would betray Him? Do you think you would have suspected your own heart if you had been there?

4. Discuss the parallels between v. 20 and Psalm 41:9.
5. How does Jesus' words in v. 21 express the tension between God's sovereign control and people's freewill? (See also Acts 2:22-23).
6. Read Exodus 12:1-32 and compare it to Mark 14:22-24. How would you explain to a non-believer what it meant for Jesus to be our Passover Lamb and why they need Jesus as their Passover Lamb?
7. Why might the Last Supper, as it is commonly known, also be called the First Supper? What did Jesus inaugurate? Explain.
8. How does knowing that Jesus was in perfect control when His earthly existence was crumbling around Him help you in your current difficulties and outlook for the future?

### **STOP AND PRAY:**

**Praise:** God that He is never taken unawares by anything.

**Thank:** Jesus for being your once-and-for-all sacrifice for your sin.

**Pray:** for a deeper trust in Jesus' control in specific fears you face.