

Community Group Study Guide for “The Plan: Betrayal and Blood”

Mark 14:12-25

¹²And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, “Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?” ¹³And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, ¹⁴and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹⁵And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.” ¹⁶And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” ¹⁹They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, “Is it I?” ²⁰He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. ²¹For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

²²And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” ²³And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

Introduction: The A-Team

1. What 80’s TV show do you love, and why?

Jesus has a plan...literally (vs. 12-16)

2. What has happened in the lead up to our passage? What happens at the start of chapter 14 and in verses 10-11?
3. How does knowledge of Judas’s intent to betray inform Jesus’s plan for the Passover meal?

Jesus has a plan...in spite of sin (vs. 17-21)

4. Why does Jesus call Judas out without naming him? What are the ways in which Jesus is graciously reaching out to him?
5. What impact does Judas’s betrayal have on Jesus’s plan for redemption?
6. How does reaching out to Judas in grace highlight Jesus’s control over the plan?
7. What does this control mean for us in our present circumstances? What are your anxieties and struggles in this time? Please share them with the group if you’re comfortable.

Jesus has a plan...for anticipation and union (vs. 22-25)

8. How does the Passover look to the past and to the future?
9. What are the disciples looking back and forward to before this passage? After this passage? What do we look to in 2020 when we take the Lord’s Supper?
10. How does the Lord’s Supper highlight our union with Christ? What does this mean for us?
11. How can we pray for one another? Are there any needs?