

*Early I Seek Thee
Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Mark 14:26-42

(Parallel Scriptures Matthew 26:31-46; Luke 22:31-46, John 13:36-38)

Read Mark 14:26-31

1. What typically happened after the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread? They sang the Hallel which is a liturgical prayer consisting of all or part of Psalms 113–118. (read Psalm 118:5-18)
2. How do the words “fall away” relate to the Parable of the Sower? (Mark 4:14-17)
3. How does Jesus again demonstrate His knowledge of the Word of God, and how does He know that He will be victorious? (see Zechariah 13:7) (Mark 14:28)
4. What does Peter’s response teach us about saying what we will not ever do? What was Jesus preparing Peter and His disciples for in verses 27 and 31?

Read Mark 14:32-42

5. How was Jesus’ humanity expressed in these verses? Why was Jesus sorrowful? (see 2 Corinthians 5:21 and Hebrews 5:7-8)
6. What did “the cup” represent in the Old Testament? (see Psalm 75:8, Isaiah 51:17, Jeremiah 25:15) What did “the cup” represent in Mark 14:36?
7. Explain how we know that Jesus trusted in His Father in verse 36.
8. Which disciples were with Jesus when He prayed? Why were His questions directed to Peter in verse 37, and then to all of them in verse 41?
9. When did Jesus relent to His Father’s will? What was the difference in Jesus when He entered Gethsemane in verse 32 and how Jesus was in verses 41-42?
10. What does Jesus’ experience in Gethsemane teach us in our hour of need? How might the disciples’ narrative be different if they had “watched and prayed?”