

RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION
Why did Jesus die? – Mark 14

1. If you are at a bus stand and someone asks you why Jesus died, what answer would you give them in a few quick sentences?
2. Read all of Chapter 14 aloud. Note down physical movements, the emotions, the named and unnamed characters, and the fulfillment (or not) of various expectations. Discuss what you wrote down at the end of the reading.

Movements	Characters	Expectations	Old Testament

3. In what ways is the woman who anoints Jesus an example for us? In what ways is she not?
4. What was the Passover about? How does Jesus modify it? Notice that in Mark this is not about Communion – but what does the disciple’s participation mean for them? What does communion mean for you now?
5. Jesus speaks about his body and his blood and a covenant in verses 22-24. What is a covenant? How do covenants normally work in the Old Testament [eg Exodus 24]? How is this one unusual?
6. What do Jesus’ prayers teach us about God the Father’s will? If all things are possible, why isn’t it possible for the cup to be removed from Jesus? What does that tell you about God and us?
7. What’s the deal with the naked young man in verses 51-52? [Amos 2:16 may or may not help]
8. In verse 62 Jesus acknowledges that he is the Christ. Why doesn’t it need to be a secret anymore?
9. Jesus has made many predictions in this chapter and in previous chapters. What is still left to occur?
10. What does Peter’s denial reveal about this moment? [Think also about 10:35-40, 14:31, 14:38, and 14:50]
11. Where is the good news in this chapter? Discuss the verses which you think are hopeful. Why?