**JESUS’ BLOOD OF THE COVENANT**

Mark 14:12-26

Key Verse 14:24

*“‘This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many,’ he said to them.”*

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

1. Read verses 17-19. What serious problem did Jesus bring up during the Passover meal? Considering the nature of betrayal, how painful must this have been for Jesus? How did the disciples respond? What does this show about them?
2. Read verses 20-21. How did Jesus warn the betrayer? Why? In what sense was his death the fulfillment of his Messianic mission (Mk 10:33; 1Co 15:3,4)? Did this excuse the betrayal? What did Judas do (Jn 13:26-30)?
3. Read verse 22. While they were eating, what did Jesus do and say? Why did he give thanks? What did the bread symbolize? What does it mean to eat this bread (Jn 6:35)?
4. Read verses 23-26. What did the cup symbolize? What does “my blood of the covenant” mean? Why is it the new covenant (Jer 31:31-34; Heb 9:11-15)? What are the effects of drinking the cup Jesus gives (Heb 9:27-28; 10:22; Jn 6:54-56)? Have you entered this blood covenant with Jesus? What is the result in your life?