LESSON 66

1. Why did the Jewish leaders not want to arrest Jesus during the feast of the Passover?

-Because they were afraid that if they arrested Jesus during the feast of the Passover, the people would respond with violence.

2. Did Judas know that he was born into sin, and that he needed Jesus as his Savior?

-No.

3. Who led Judas to betray Jesus?

-Satan.

4. Why did Satan want Judas to betray Jesus?

-Because Satan hates Jesus.

5. Why does Satan hate Jesus?

-Because Jesus is God.

-Because Jesus speaks the truth.

6. Why did Satan want the Jewish leaders to kill Jesus?

-Satan wanted the Jewish leaders to kill Jesus so that Jesus would not save us.

-Satan wanted the Jewish leaders to kill Jesus so that Jesus would not destroy the power of sin and death.

-Satan wanted the Jewish leaders to kill Jesus so that Jesus would not destroy the power of Satan.

7. Whom did the prophets say would betray the Savior?

-A close friend.

8. For how much was Jesus betrayed?

-Thirty pieces of silver.

9. How did Jesus know that Judas would betray Him?

-Because Jesus is God and He knows everything.

-There is nothing that Jesus does not know.

10. How was the bread a sign of Jesus’ body?

-Just as the bread was broken, Jesus’ body would also be broken by evil men.

11. How was the wine a sign of Jesus’ blood?

-Just as the wine was poured out to drink, Jesus’ blood would also be poured out.

12. For whom did Jesus say His blood would be poured out?

-Jesus said that His blood would be poured out for many people.

-After Jesus and His disciples left Jerusalem, they went to the Mount of Olives to a garden called Gethsemane.

Let’s read Mark 14:32-36

32-They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.”

33-He took Peter, James, and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled.

34-“My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,” he said to them. “Stay here and keep watch.”

35-Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him.

36-“Abba, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

-In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus began to pray, as He was deeply troubled.

-Why was Jesus deeply troubled?

-Because Jesus knew that He would suffer greatly.

-Because Jesus knew that the suffering which was before Him was more terrible than anyone had ever suffered.

-Even though Jesus was fully God, He was also fully man.

-It would be very difficult for Jesus to face the terrible suffering which was before Him.

Let’s read Mark 14:37-42

37-Then Jesus returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Simon,” he said to Peter, “are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour?

38-Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.”

39-Once more he went away and prayed the same thing.

40-When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him.

41-Returning the third time, [Jesus] said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

42-Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

-As Jesus finished praying in the garden of Gethsemane, a crowd of men came with swords and clubs.

Let’s read Mark 14:43-46

43-Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders.

44-Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.”

45-Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him.

46-The men seized Jesus and arrested him.

-Who was leading the crowd of men armed with swords and clubs?

-Judas.

-Why had Judas and the crowd of men come?

-To arrest Jesus.

-Who was leading Judas to arrest Jesus?

-Satan.

-Who does Satan lead these days?

-All people who believe that they have not sinned against God are led by Satan.

-All people who believe that God will not punish them for their sin are led by Satan.

-All people who believe that God will accept them because of their good works are led by Satan.

-All people who believe that they can save themselves are led by Satan.

-All people who refuse to listen to the Word of God are led by Satan.

-All people who refuse to believe in Jesus as Savior are led by Satan.

-How did Judas betray Jesus?

-With a kiss.

-As Judas kissed Jesus, the men with Judas seized Jesus, and arrested Him.

Let’s read Mark 14:47-49

47-Then one of those standing near drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting of his ear.

48-“Am I leading a rebellion,” said Jesus, “that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me?

49-Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled.”

-What did Jesus mean when He said that the Scriptures must be fulfilled?

-Jesus meant that all that God had said through the prophets many years ago about the Savior would happen.

Let’s read Mark 14:50

50-Then all of the disciples deserted him and fled.

-Why did all of Jesus’ disciples run away?

-The disciples were afraid and did not understand why Jesus was being arrested.

-What did the disciples not understand?

-The disciples did not understand how Jesus would be able to be the Savior if He was arrested and killed.

-The disciples did not understand how Jesus would be able to save them if He was dead.

-To where did the men who arrested Jesus take Him?

Let’s read Mark 14:53-54

53-They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, elders and teachers of the law came together.

54-Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire.

-The men who arrested Jesus took him to the high priest.

-Peter followed at a distance, but he also was afraid that he would be arrested and killed.

-When the men brought Jesus to the high priest, all of the chief priests and the Jewish leaders met together to judge Jesus.

Let’s read Mark 14:55

55-The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any.

-Why were the Jewish leaders not able to find anything wrong with Jesus?

-Because Jesus had done nothing wrong.

-Because Jesus had not sinned.

-Other people testified against Jesus, but even their testimonies were lies.

Let’s read Mark 14:56-59

56-Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree.

57-Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him:

58-“We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this man-made temple and in three days will build another, not made by man.’”

59-Yet even then their testimony did not agree.

-Even though many testified lies against Jesus, the Jewish leaders still were not able to find anything wrong with Jesus.

-Just as God said through the prophets many years ago, many false witnesses would testify lies about the Savior.

-Then, the high priest stood up and spoke to Jesus.

Let’s read Mark 14:60-62

60-Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?”

61-But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?”

62-“I am,” said Jesus. “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

-When the people were testifying lies against Jesus, He was silent and did not reply.

-Why did Jesus not reply?

-Jesus knew that God the Father would guide Him.

-Jesus knew that God the Father was controlling all that was going to happen to Him.

-Then, when the high priest spoke to Jesus and asked Him whether He was the Christ, the Son of God, what did Jesus answer?

-Jesus answered and said, “I am.”

-Jesus also said, “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

-When Jesus first came to earth, He came as God the Savior to save people.

-When Jesus returns to earth, everyone will see Him sitting at the right hand of God the Father.

-When Jesus returns to earth, everyone will see that Jesus is God.

-What did the high priest do when he heard Jesus’ Words?

Let’s read Mark 14:63-64

63-The high priest tore his clothes. “Why do we need any more witnesses?” he asked.

64-“You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?” They all condemned him as worthy of death.

-Why did the high priest tear his clothes?

-When the Jews were very angry or distressed, it was their custom to tear their clothes.

-The high priest tore his clothes because he was very angry with Jesus.

-Why was the high priest angry with Jesus?

-Because Jesus had said that He was God.

-Why did the high priest say that Jesus must be killed?

-The high priest said that Jesus had cursed God.

-Did Jesus curse God?

-No.

-Jesus was only saying that He was God.

Let’s read Mark 14:65

65-Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, “Prophesy!” And the guards took him and beat him.

-Just as God said through the prophets many years ago, the Savior would be beaten and spit upon.

-The high priest and the Jewish leaders then condemned Jesus to die.