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**Lesson 4 – Smite the Shepherd**

**Mark 14 : 26-52**

**Day 1 – Review**

1. What challenged or encouraged you from the lecture, and how did it help you in your Christian walk?

2. What in the notes helped you to understand God’s Word, and how did you apply it?

**Day 2 – Read Mark 14 : 26-31**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson. One possible verse to pray is Mark 14:36. Father, all things are possible for You. Help me today to gain wisdom and understanding from Your Word.*

3. In verses 27-28, what three things does Jesus tell the disciples will happen?

4. Read Zechariah 13: 7,9. What is God’s purpose in striking the Shepherd?

5. In verses 29 and 31, what is Peter’s bold response to Jesus’ prediction? Did the disciples declare the same?

6. ***Personal Question:***  a. In what areas of your life are you assured of your own strength and certain you would never fall?

 b. Read 1Cor 10: 12-13. What warnings do these verses give us about placing our confidence in our own strength against temptation? How do these verses also encourage us when it comes to dealing with temptation?

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7. What is the wonderfully encouraging part of Jesus’ prediction that Peter and the disciples completely missed because they were too busy contradicting Him?

***Apply this day:*** *Ask God to reveal to you the places you tend to be overly confident in your own strength. Then pray that He would clearly show you His way of escape from the things that tempt you to sin.*

**Day 3 – Read Mark 14: 32-36**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

8. What did Jesus ask his disciples to do?

What did Jesus specifically ask Peter, James and John to do? (Give verse)

9. What were the reasons for Jesus’ request of them?

10. In verse 35, what did Jesus do to find strength in this dark hour?

11. ***Thought Question:*** What do you learn about Jesus and His relationship to the Father from this passage?

12. What does Jesus call His Father in verse 36, and what does Romans 8:15 tell us we can do as a child of God? *(note: google the Biblical definition of “Abba” to help you with your answer)*

13. In verse 36, what does Jesus declare first as He prays to His Abba Father? What did you learn from this?

***Apply this day:*** *Is God the Father your Abba Father? Beginning today, ask God to draw you closer to Him so you can fully experience the intimate relationship He wants with you, His child.*

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**Day 4 – Read Mark 14: 36-42**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

14. What request does Jesus make to the Father?

15. ***Thought Question:*** What is the “cup” Jesus is referring to in verse 36?

16. Using the following verses, what is the name of the cup from which Jesus drank?

Jeremiah 25:15-

Isaiah 51:17 –

17. ***Thought Question:*** Do believers today still drink from God’s cup of wrath? Why or why not? (*See 2 Cor 5:21 to help with your answer)*

18. ***Personal Question:*** Jesus willingly surrendered to God to do His will (verse 36). How are you growing in your submission to God’s will instead of insisting on your own will and way in a crisis you are facing right now (or perhaps have recently endured)?

19. What are Jesus’ clear warnings to His disciples and to us about entering into temptation? Write several ways Jesus warns us from verses 37-41.

***Apply this day:*** *Submitting to God’s will as opposed to our own will is hard, and temptation always lurks around the corner! Make a commitment today, therefore, to watch and pray more this day than you did yesterday. Do not fall asleep!*

**Day 5 – Read Mark 14: 41-51**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

20. Who came while Jesus was speaking, and who was with him?

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21. What name does Jesus and the author of Mark give to Judas in verse 42 and 44?

22. In what two ways does Judas identify Jesus? (Give verse)

***Thought Question:*** How does this tender identification make the betrayal even more egregious?

23. Describe what happened in verse 47 and subsequently in verse 50-51

***Personal Question:***  How is it possible to act with such boldness against what you know is wrong but then flee with fear soon after? What can you do to stand triumphantly in the face of persecution?

24. Who does Jesus resent being compared to according to verse 48?

25. What does Jesus remind the rabble about in verses 48-49? What did Jesus fully submit to as recorded at the end of verse 49?

***Apply this day:*** *Is God orchestrating something in your life that is difficult to understand? Ask Him for the strength to know and stand on the promises of His Word in the face of persecution, suffering, or difficulty.*

**Day 6 – Reread Mark 14 :37-38 (SOAP)**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

**Scripture** – *Write the verses.*

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**Observation** – *Record something you learned from these verses. Possible questions to ask for observation: What principle do I learn? What warning should I heed? What commandment should I obey? What aspect of God’s character do I see?*

**Application** *– How can I apply these verses to my life?*

**Prayer** *– Pray to God, praise Him, and ask Him for what you need in response to what you learned. Write down your prayer.*