

THE PASTOR'S ESSENTIALS®

OUR LIVES IN THE BIBLE - THE BIBLE IN OUR LIVES

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MATTHEW 7:13-14

es-sen-tials (ĭ-sĕn'shəlz) – *noun* – those things that are necessary and basic to life. In biochemistry essentials are substances that are required for normal functioning but cannot be synthesized by the body and therefore must be included in the diet. Essentials are those things that are fundamental to the spiritual health of the professing Christian.

The Gospel of Mark A BIBLE STUDY

SESSION FOURTEEN

Mark 14:1-14:52

Questions for Session Fourteen

1. Why were the chief priests and teachers of the law looking for a way to arrest Jesus and kill him? Why did they think that the people might riot if they arrested Jesus during Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread?
2. Explain the significance of the woman's anointing of Jesus in the home of Simon the Leper. What was Jesus' response to the criticism leveled at the woman by some persons present? How was nard used to treat bodies for burial in ancient times?
3. Was Judas Iscariot an opportunist in dealing with others and handling the money of the band of disciples? What was his motive for the betrayal of Jesus to the chief priests? In what ways do we betray Jesus in the twenty-first century?

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4. What was the significance of the sacrifice of the Passover lamb, as it was described in v. 12? How had Jesus made advance preparations for what the two disciples were to accomplish in the city? What were they to do?

5. Describe the circumstances and the setting when Jesus announced to the disciples that one of them would betray him. Was this to be taken lightly? How did each of the disciples respond to this very specific description of how it would unfold?

6. How is the LORD's Supper depicted in vv. 22-24? Do these words sound familiar to you? How would you describe the scene in the room with Jesus? Explain what you think Jesus means in v. 25.

7. How did Jesus foretell their individual actions during the next several days? Were they shocked, indignant, or unbelieving? What is your take on Jesus' description of how Peter would fail him?

8. Whom did Jesus take with him to pray? What did Jesus expect of them? Did they fulfill that expectation? Would you be able to do as Jesus had requested? Explain v. 38.

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9. How did Judas betray Jesus? What was the sign? What was Jesus' response to the violence that took place because of his arrest?

10. What was Jesus' response to the way the men came to arrest him? What happened in v. 50? Can you identify the young man who fled without his garment in v. 52?

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