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**Chapter 13**

- 1) Jesus warns against “those who come in My Name and lead you astray” (vs. 5). Can you think of an example of a false prophet? How can you tell the difference?
- 2) There are many who are afraid to proclaim the Good News. Why might this be? How can one overcome this fear?
- 3) Give three examples of divisions that will occur during times of trial.
- 4) What is “the desolating sacrilege” (vs. 14)? What do most biblical scholars believe it to be?
- 5) This chapter serves to illustrate Jesus’ second coming. Although there are many warnings and dark imagery there is hope for the elect. What is this hope?
- 6) What is the metaphor of “keeping awake” (vs. 37)? How can we “keep awake” for Jesus’ coming?

**Chapter 14**

- 1) How can we emulate the woman in the passage “The anointing at Bethany”? Why is it better to put Christ first, even above giving to the poor?
- 2) Judas’ betrayal is seen as a prime example of the debate between predestination and free will. Does Judas have a choice in betraying Jesus? Why or why not?
- 3) Reflect on being with Jesus and sharing in His Body and Blood. Is it easy or difficult to draw yourself into this scene? Why?
- 4) Consider the adage “actions speak louder than words”. Is it easy to be like Peter and say one thing but act in another manner?
- 5) The beautiful passage of Jesus’ praying in the garden of Gethsemane serves to exemplify His humanity. How can we relate to Jesus in this passage? How are challenged to act like Jesus?
- 6) When Jesus is brought before the council how do those who bring false witness against Him stumble in their task? How does Jesus aid the council in their task?
- 7) Even though Jesus foretold Peter’s denial the latter still denied Jesus as expected. Do you get caught up in the heat of the moment? Do you recognize and atone for it afterward?

## **Chapter 15**

- 1) Why doesn't Jesus answer against the charges brought before Him? Why is Pilate amazed at this lack of response?
- 2) The passage of "Pilate hands Jesus over to be crucified" illustrates the chief priests' plan to kill Jesus. How is the priests' plan shown to anticipate Pilate's actions?
- 3) Mark is the shortest Gospel in the Bible. How does the passage "The crucifixion of Jesus" show the pace at which Mark writes? How is this an effective way to detail the events leading to Jesus' death?
- 4) Mark's entire Gospel reaches its climax in the passage "The death of Jesus". What is the message of Mark's Gospel?
- 5) Give two examples that reveal Jesus is the Messiah.
- 6) Take a moment to reflect on Jesus' death in the context of the passage "The death of Jesus". How would you feel if you were an idle bystander? A woman of Galilee? A common Roman soldier?
- 7) Who sees where Jesus is buried? How does this fact setup the next chapter?

## **Chapter 16**

- 1) Mark, having reached the climax of his Gospel, has a short ending through verses 1 – 8. How can this ending be unsatisfying to some?
- 2) Jesus' appearances to the women and the disciples are included in the longer ending of Mark's Gospel. Do these appearances add to Jesus' ministry? Why or why not?
- 3) What are Jesus' last instructions to his disciples? Do they apply to us today? Why or why not?