

LESSON TWELVE | MARK 14

SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

WELCOME

Making preparations
2–3 mins.

DRILL TIME

Passover
3–5 mins.

W.O.W!

Testimony
3–5 mins.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Timeline
2–3 mins.

BIBLE

INVESTIGATION

Mark 14
20–30 mins.

LESSON-AT-HOME

1 Timothy 2:5–6
3–5 mins.

OVERVIEW

Mark 14 brings us closer and closer to Calvary. As Passover draws near, Jesus is anointed for burial by a woman at Bethany. While the people object to this “waste,” Jesus praises the woman for her love and devotion to Him. The disciples are then dispatched to prepare an upper room for the Passover lamb meal. At this “Last Supper,” Jesus institutes the Lord’s Supper and exposes Judas as His betrayer. After the supper, Jesus also declares that all will fall away, including Peter, who is most vigorously confessing his loyalty. Peter will actually deny Jesus three times before the end of the night.

At Gethsemane, on the Mount of Olives, Jesus earnestly prays for the “cup” to be taken from Him. Yet, He submits to the will of the Father throughout these painful prayers. His closest disciples give into their fleshliness and sleep instead of praying for Jesus. Jesus rebukes them, wakes them up, and is immediately betrayed by Judas. Even though one of the disciples attempts to prevent the arrest, it has to happen to fulfill Scripture. Jesus is then hauled before the Sanhedrin where He is falsely accused, cruelly beaten and condemned. Peter follows behind and ends up disowning Jesus three times, just as Jesus had said.

PREPARATION

Read Mark 14 this week. **The Bible lesson is longer than usual, so prepare accordingly.**

TEACHING ENCOURAGEMENT

As the action of Christ’s last week on earth builds, let the Scripture speak for itself! This story is so familiar that sometimes we don’t drink in the drama of the events leading up to the Crucifixion. Read it to your children with passion and wonder, engaging them with the amazing power of God’s grace in Jesus. Encourage them to think about the brutal suffering their Savior went through for His people. Show them how people either loved Jesus and worshipped Him or betrayed, disowned, and rejected Him. Through it all, pray that the Holy Spirit will use the reading of the stories to change the hearts of all who hear. We all need to regularly hear afresh how Jesus suffered and died for us!



WELCOME

Greet the students. Welcome visitors.

Say: *Raise your hand if you have taken a trip recently. Before taking a trip or a vacation, it is important to make preparations. You have to pack the right sorts of clothes, pack some food, get the family car ready, etc. What happens if you are not prepared? Allow answers. The trip won't go too well, will it?*

Did you know that Jesus had to make preparations before He died on the cross for His people's sins? This last week in Jerusalem is all about making preparations. As we study God's Word today, let it prepare you for your life in Christ!



DRILL TIME

Now let's have our DRILL TIME—our weekly opportunity to review what we have learned in the past. Are you ready?

Today's questions: *What was the last plague that God brought on Egypt? How did the Israelites avoid the tenth plague? What is Passover? Did Pharaoh let the people go after the tenth plague?*

Call on volunteers or select students to make attempts.

Answers:

1. The death of the firstborn.
2. By putting the blood of the lamb on their doorframes.
3. Passover is the feast that commemorates the night the angel of death “passed over” the Israelites.
4. Yes!

Say: *Pharaoh's firstborn was killed by the last plague from God. He finally agreed to let God's people go. The only way God's people were saved was by putting the blood of the lamb on their doorposts. Remember that this symbolized the blood of Christ that we need to save us! The Israelites left Egypt with gold and silver, after four hundred years of slavery. They celebrated PASSOVER every year to commemorate this great salvation event.*



W.O.W!

Our Word of the Week this week is **TESTIMONY**. Write the word on the board. Can anyone tell me what a TESTIMONY is?

The word TESTIMONY has several meanings. The stone tablets that God wrote the Ten Commandments on are often called the TESTIMONY. A TESTIMONY, then, is a divine decree or law.

A TESTIMONY is also a public profession of faith. When you tell people about how you became a Christian, you are giving a TESTIMONY of your faith in Christ.

TESTIMONY is also given by a witness in a court case. Someone who actually saw a crime take place sits before a judge and gives personal TESTIMONY to what he saw. Sometimes, people give false TESTIMONIES in order to get people into trouble!

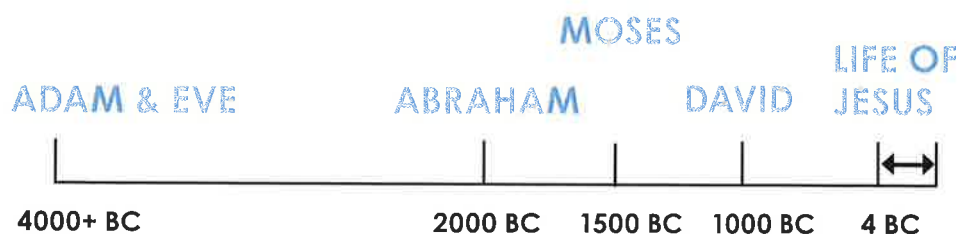
In all these definitions, a TESTIMONY is something that gives witness to a fact. God's Law is a TESTIMONY to God's holiness. A witness to a crime gives TESTIMONY about the criminal. A Christian gives TESTIMONY to his faith in Christ. Watch for the TESTIMONY that is given in our Bible lesson today.



HISTORICAL CONTEXT

If necessary, draw this timeline on the board, and show the students when these events took place.

This Week's Timeline





Introduction: *Jesus is now in the last few days of His life on earth. He is making preparations for His arrest and death. These are some very hard and sad days for our Savior and His disciples. We continue the story in the Gospel of Mark today.*

Let's begin. Read Mark 14:1-2.

¹ It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, ² for they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people."

Discussion: *What special feast is only two days away? [Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread.] Remember that the Passover celebration was the most important festival of the year since it was a TESTIMONY to God's deliverance of Israel from Egypt. Instead of celebrating the Passover, what were the chief priests and teachers of the law planning? [A sly way to kill Jesus.]*

Let's read on. Read verses 3-9.

³ And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. ⁴ There were some who said to themselves indignantly, "Why was the ointment wasted like that?" ⁵ For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they scolded her. ⁶ But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ⁷ For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. ⁸ She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. ⁹ And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

Discussion: *What did the woman do with her expensive perfume? [She poured it on Jesus' head.] While that may seem strange to us, it was an act of love and devotion for Jesus! This woman wanted to show Jesus how special He was to her. Did you hear what Jesus said about this woman? She will be known for her love for Christ as she prepared His body for burial. Wow!*



*Let's keep reading. **Read verses 10-11.***

¹⁰ Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹ And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.

Application: *What a contrast! A woman who loved Jesus and one of Jesus' closest disciples who hated Him enough to betray Him. The chief priests were excited about Judas' betrayal, weren't they? Boys and girls, there are only two ways to respond to Jesus. You will either love Him and seek to worship Him or hate Him and seek to get rid of Him. What will you choose?*

*Let's continue. **Read verses 12-16.***

¹² And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" ¹³ And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, ¹⁴ and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵ And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." ¹⁶ And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

Discussion: *It was now time to celebrate the first day of the PASSOVER. What did the Jews do on this day? [They sacrificed the Passover lamb.] Where did Jesus and the disciples go to celebrate the Passover meal? [A large upper room.]*

*Listen to what happens there. **Read verses 17-21.***

¹⁷ And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸ And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." ¹⁹ They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" ²⁰ He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. ²¹ For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."



Discussion: *What shocking news did Jesus tell the disciples? [That someone at the table would betray Him.] Who was about to betray Jesus to His enemies? [Judas Iscariot.] Did you hear what Jesus said about His betrayer? It would have been better if he would never have been born! What a terrible thing to betray Jesus.*

Application: *Our sinful, selfish hearts make us just like Judas—willing to turn our backs on Jesus for our own gain. We need Jesus to save us from our Judas-like hearts!*

Listen to what else Jesus says. Read verses 22-26.

²² And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” ²³ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴ And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵ Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.” ²⁶ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Discussion: *Jesus now institutes the Lord’s Supper. What is the symbol of His body broken for us? [Bread.] And what is the “cup” a symbol of? [His blood shed for us.] This is also called Jesus’ “Last Supper” because His death on the cross is very near.*

Application: *Christians all over the world celebrate the Lord’s Supper regularly to remember that Jesus broke His body and shed His blood for His people!*

Let’s read more. Read verses 27-31.

²⁷ And Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’” ²⁸ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” ²⁹ Peter said to him, “Even though they all fall away, I will not.” ³⁰ And Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” ³¹ But he said emphatically, “If I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And they all said the same.

Discussion: *What did Jesus say would happen after He is arrested? [All the disciples will scatter.] Who says that he will never run away and deny (disown) Jesus? [Peter.] Will Peter deny Jesus or give a*



TESTIMONY to Jesus? [Deny Jesus.] Jesus says that Peter will deny Him three times tonight. Wow!

*Let's see what happens next. **Read verses 32-36.***

³² And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³ And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. ³⁴ And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch." ³⁵ And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

Discussion: *In this place called Gethsemane, Jesus prays earnestly to the Father. What does He ask the Father? [For the "cup" to be taken from Him.] Remember that the "cup" is the shed blood of Jesus. Jesus is asking to be kept from suffering and dying on the cross. Why? [Because it will be a horrible death.] Will Jesus do what He wants to do, or what the Father wants Him to do? [He will obey His Father.] This is good news!*

*Let's read more. **Read verses 37-42.***

³⁷ And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? ³⁸ Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ³⁹ And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰ And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. ⁴¹ And he came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴² Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

Discussion: *Did Jesus' closest friends watch and pray for Him? [No.] They abandoned Jesus in His hour of greatest need. Their love for Jesus was weak, just as ours often is.*

*Listen to what happens next. **Read verses 43-52.***

⁴³ And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the



chief priests and the scribes and the elders. ⁴⁴ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard.” ⁴⁵ And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” And he kissed him. ⁴⁶ And they laid hands on him and seized him. ⁴⁷ But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁴⁸ And Jesus said to them, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? ⁴⁹ Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled.” ⁵⁰ And they all left him and fled. ⁵¹ And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, ⁵² but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

Discussion: *Just as Jesus said, He was betrayed by a close disciple, Judas Iscariot. Everything was taking place just as God has planned for His Son. Everyone ran away from Jesus!*

Let’s read on. Read verses 53-59.

⁵³ And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. ⁵⁴ And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. ⁵⁵ Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. ⁵⁶ For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. ⁵⁷ And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, ⁵⁸ “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’” ⁵⁹ Yet even about this their testimony did not agree.

Discussion: *Did you hear our Word of the Week? Jesus was hauled before the Sanhedrin (the Jewish court) in order to be declared guilty. But since He was innocent, they had to give false TESTIMONY against Him. They had to make up things and twist the facts. These men hated Jesus!*

Let’s continue reading. Read verses 60-65.

⁶⁰ And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” ⁶¹ But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the



high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?”
⁶² And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.”
⁶³ And the high priest tore his garments and said, “What further witnesses do we need? ⁶⁴ You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?” And they all condemned him as deserving death. ⁶⁵ And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophecy!” And the guards received him with blows.

Application: *Jesus has been telling His disciples that He would have to suffer many things before He was killed. These are terrible things that were done to our Lord Jesus. False TESTIMONY led to wrongful beatings and condemnation. Just remember that Christ suffered for all of His people!*

Let’s finish the chapter. Read verses 66-72.

⁶⁶ And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, ⁶⁷ and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, “You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus.” ⁶⁸ But he denied it, saying, “I neither know nor understand what you mean.” And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. ⁶⁹ And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.” ⁷⁰ But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.” ⁷¹ But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know this man of whom you speak.” ⁷² And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

Conclusion: *Did Peter disown Jesus three times, just as Jesus said he would? [Yes.] Now all His friends had deserted Him. None would give TESTIMONY that they followed Jesus. Peter knew the sin of his heart, didn’t he? All of these real events happened to Jesus so we don’t have to die for our own sins. If you put your faith in Jesus, you can give TESTIMONY to what He has done for you. He suffered at the hands of His enemies so we don’t have to be defeated by sin and death. We’ll finish the Gospel of Mark next time!*



LESSON-AT-HOME

Distribute the “Lesson-At-Home” bookmarks. Read the Scripture Memory verse (I Timothy 2:5-6) together.

I Timothy 2:5-6 (ESV)

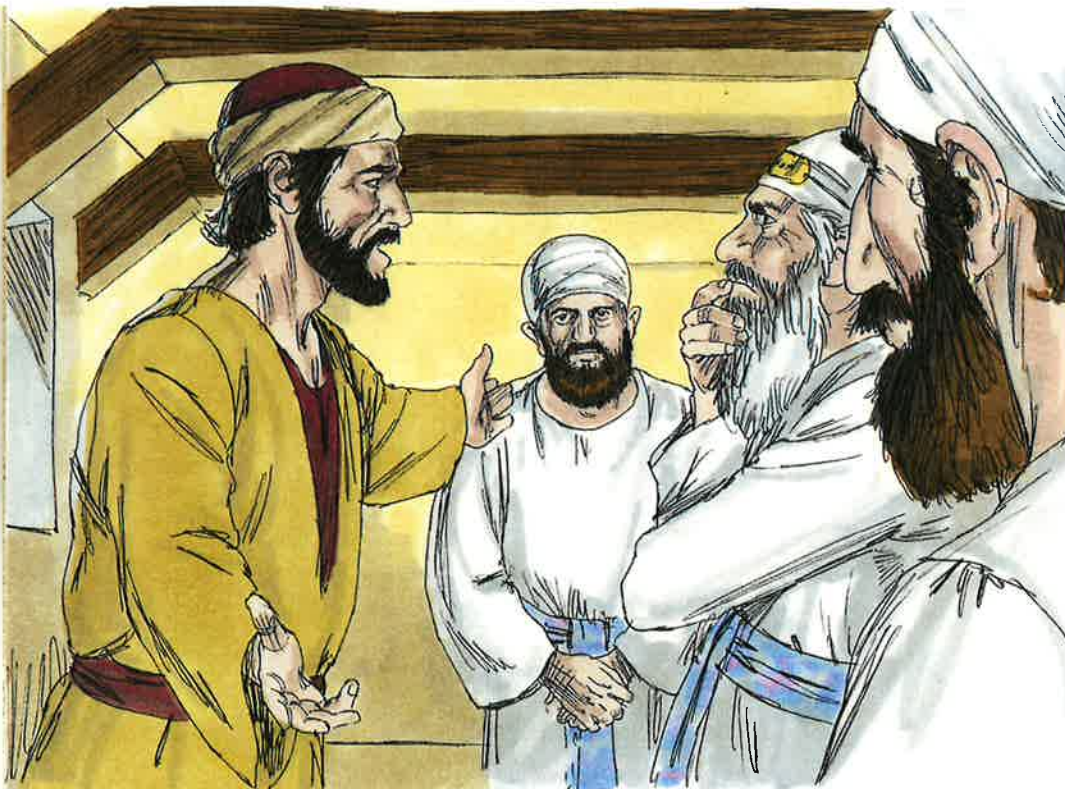
⁵ For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

Say: *Jesus’ death as a ransom for His people is an incredible TESTIMONY of God’s grace! Without this TESTIMONY, we would all have to die for our own sins. Follow Jesus, and He becomes your TESTIMONY all the days of your life!*

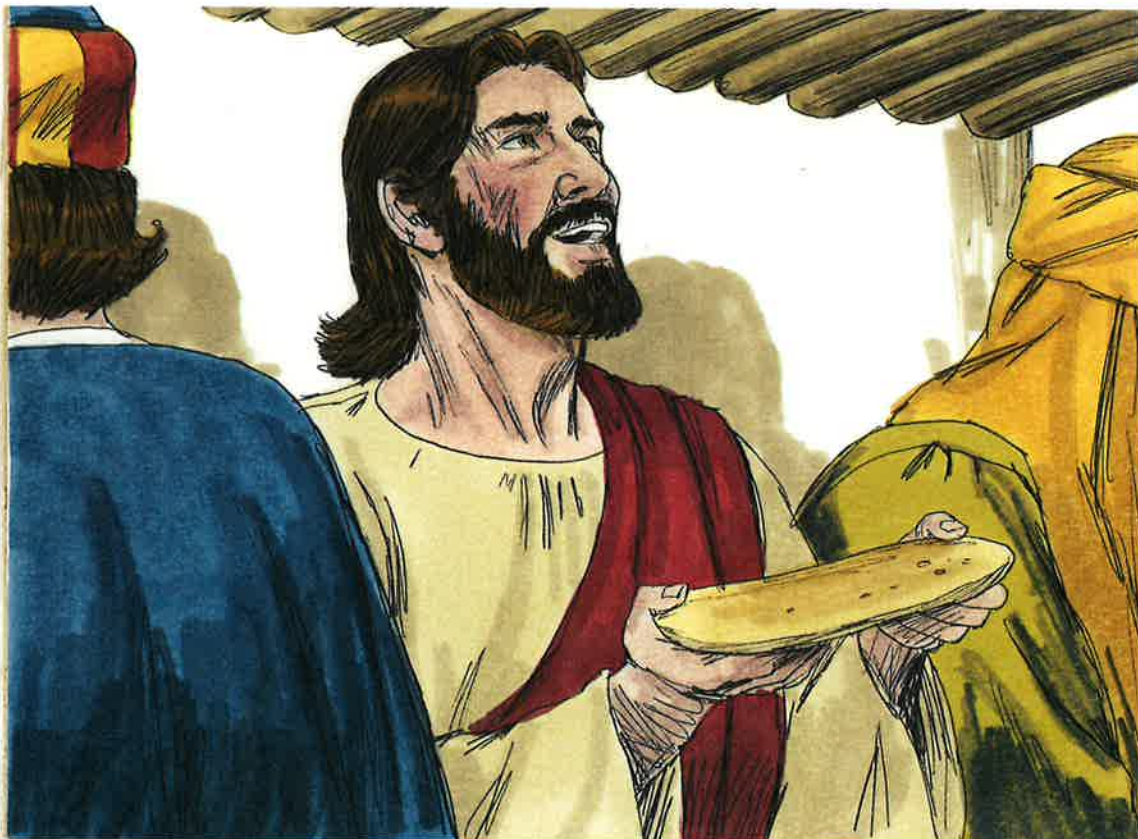
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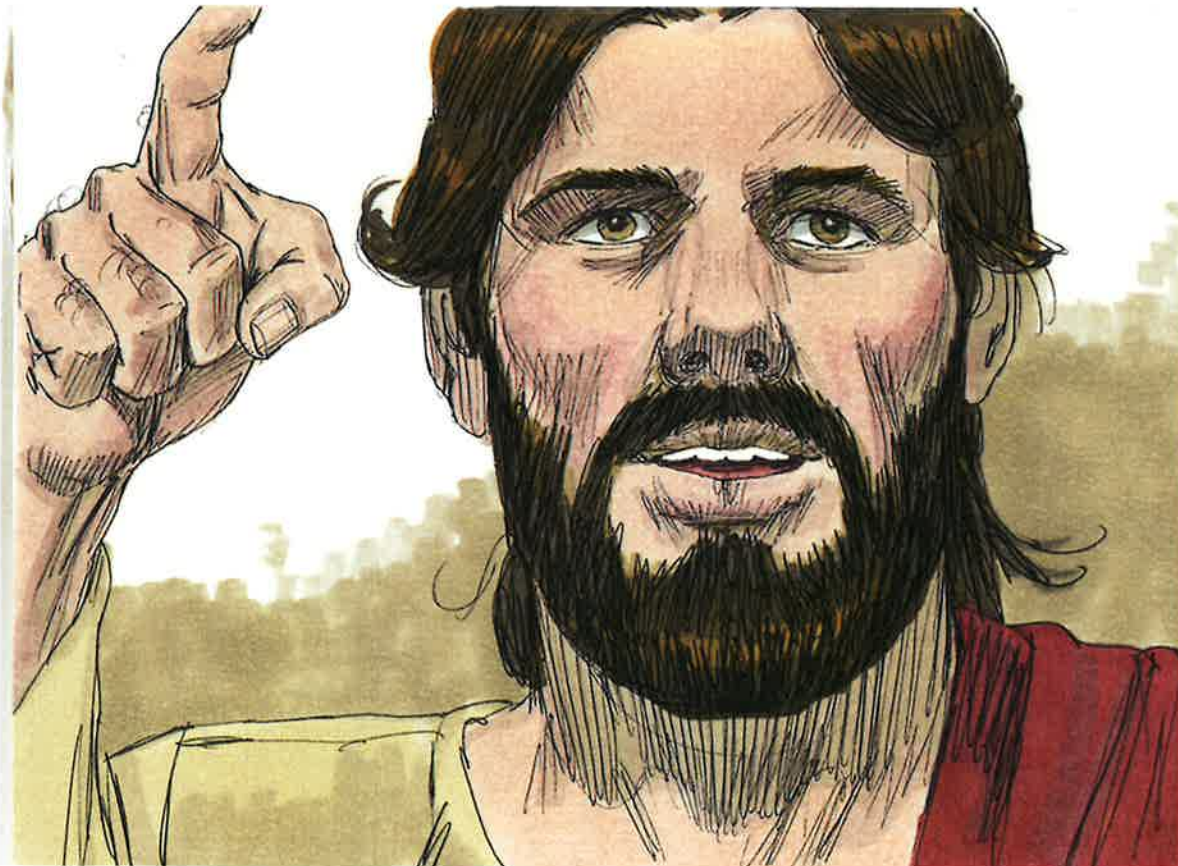
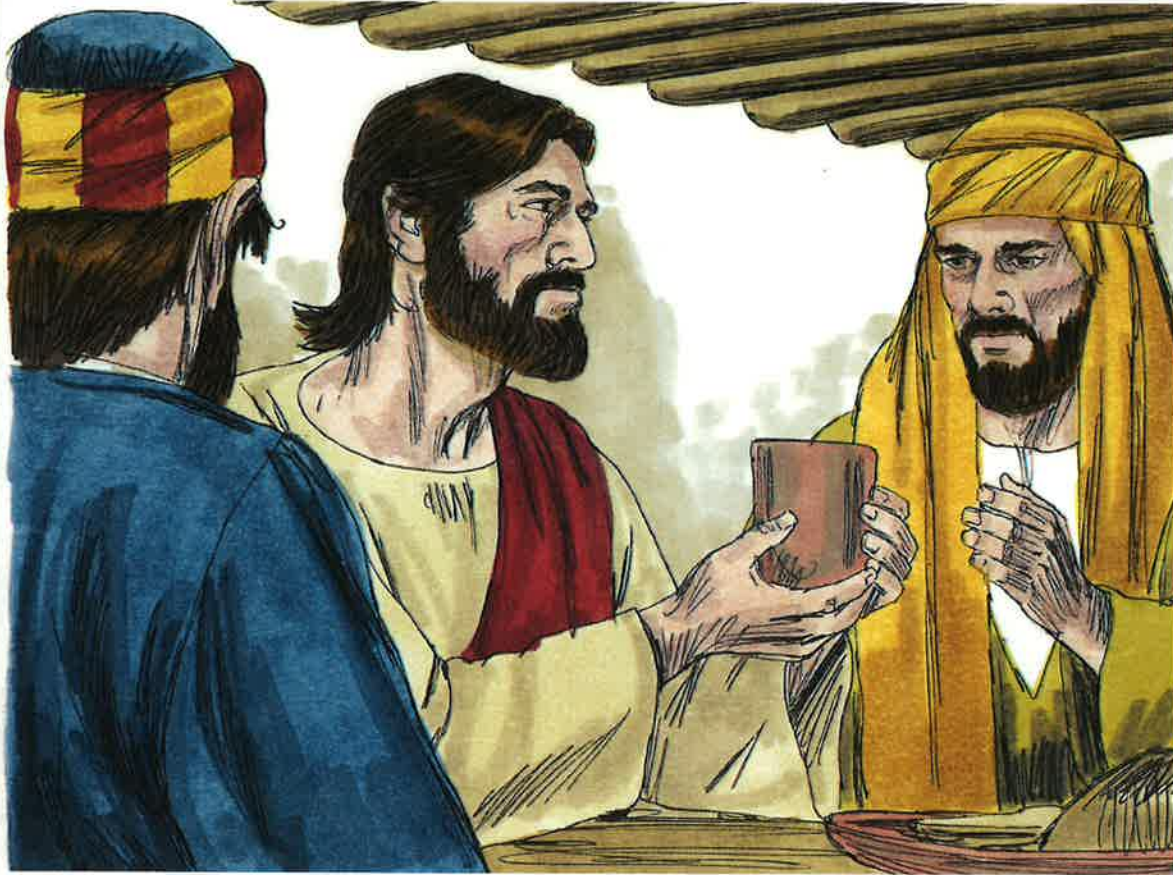
Direct the students’ attentions to the bottom half of the bookmark. It includes reminder points of today’s lesson that can be discussed with their parents and reviewed during the week.

Close in prayer and dismiss the students.









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