

4. FROM HIS ANOINTING TO THE EMPTY TOMB (14:1-16:8)

- a. Jesus is anointed for His burial by the woman
- b. Judas' plot
- c. A brief Last Supper Narrative
- d. Lengthy story of Jesus' agony in Gethsemane.
 - i. Betrayal and abandonment are emphasized
 - ii. The once powerful Son of God, the king of the kingdom, is handed over and is helpless before His enemies, like a sheep for slaughter
 - iii. The disciples all run away...the young man in the white robe.**
- e. Jesus is condemned as a blasphemer by the religious authorities and as a pretender King by the civil authorities.
 - i. Jesus before the Sanhedrin**
 - 1. Many bear false witness but no two agree
 - 2. The High Priest pushes Jesus to incriminate himself by affirming that he is the son of God.
 - ii. Jesus before Pilate**
 - 1. Pilate asks Jesus whether or not he is the King of the Jews-Jesus says 'You have said so'.
 - 2. Pilate tries unsuccessfully to release Jesus.
 - 3. Jesus is scourged and then led away to be crucified. The scourging was common before crucifixion-Mark may have heard echoes of

Isaiah 53 here. Simone of Cyrene is compelled to help Jesus carry the cross.

iii. At Golgotha he is offered a sedative of wine mixed with myrrh-Jesus refuses

f. The story of Jesus' crucifixion is told with many Old Testament allusions many of which portray the suffering of an innocent man.

i. OT Scriptures they used

1. Psalm 22:7-8

2. Psalm 69:21

3. Psalm 22:1

ii. Early Christians had to explain why God would have allowed Jesus to die in this way.

iii. The Evangelists portray Jesus' suffering as part of God's mysterious plan and not as a sign that God had abandoned Him.

iv. Jesus dies abandoned on the cross

v. THE CENTURION'S RESPONSE

g. The women come to the tomb and find it empty

i. How to understand this story if in fact it ended there at 16:8

ii. Was there a lost ending similar to the one in Matthew?

2. Some Good References for Mark

a. Introduction to the New Testament Mark Powell

b. Mark Lamar Williamson (Interpretation series)

- c. New Interpreter's Bible (V. 7) Pheme Perkins
- d. Mark in Feasting on the Gospels
- e. Mark by Adela Collins (Hermeneia series) Probably more than you want to know!