

The Story Isn't Over
Upside Down Kingdom: The Gospel According to Mark
September 7, 2025

Notes

Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion

1. Read Mark 14:3-9.

In what ways were the actions of the woman in this story (Mary) costly to her?

What did Mary risk in expressing her love for Jesus so lavishly?

Have you ever risked anything because of your love for Jesus? What was the cost to you?

2. Read Mark 14:32-42.

What did Jesus ask of Peter, James and John in verse 34? What might Jesus have wanted them to 'watch' for?

How well did Peter, James and John honor Jesus' request?

In what ways has God called you to be watchful (alert, awake, vigilant) today? Are you fulfilling that call or sleeping on the job? What keeps you from being a faithful watchman?

3. Read Mark 15:6-15.

Pilate offered the people a choice. What were their options and what did they choose?

What were the differences between Barabbas and Jesus?

4. Read Mark 15:16-20.

Read through these verses slowly. Read them a second time, out loud. Consider all that Jesus willingly endured to pay the price for your sin. How do you respond to Him?

5. Read Mark 15:33-39.

What is significant about the Temple curtain being torn from top to bottom? What does that mean?

6. Read Mark 16:5-8.

Who were the first to arrive at the tomb on Sunday morning? What did they find and what instructions were they given?

A faithful watchman's job is to go and tell. Will you be a faithful watchman? Who will you go and tell about Jesus and His upside down kingdom?