Week 14, Mark 14
Discussion Questions

Mark 14:1-11 Jesus Anointed

1. How do you see people wanting to be rid of Jesus today? “Given half a chance, humankind would get of its creator”. True?
2. What would you have said to the woman who ‘wasted’ a whole jar of perfume on Jesus’?
3. She ‘did what she could’. Do we? (By the way – note how v9 was fulfilled in the sermon!)

Mark 14:12-31 Jesus giving it ALL

4. “Surely not me” all the disciples proclaim, wanting to believe that they would never betray Jesus. “Surely not me” we say, wanting to believe WE would never betray or deny him. We like to think the best of ourselves. The account gives a reality check. Even the one who protested the most that he would die for Jesus if he had to, denied knowing Jesus. Discuss.
5. This is my body… this is my blood of the covenant poured out for many… What was Jesus saying here? How did he understand his death? What does ‘this is my body’, ‘this is my blood’ mean?
6. How helpful do you find Holy Communion as a commemoration of these great events?

Mark 14:32-52 Jesus Obedient

7. What are the sure signs here that what Jesus faced would be really tough? What made it so hard that he asked if the cup could be taken away?
8. What two important elements is Jesus modelling to us in his prayer which may be important for godly prayer of our own?
9. In what ways do we belittle or play down the significance of Jesus’ death? (Leaders – please check with me if you don’t know what I’m getting at here!)

Mark 14:53-72 Jesus Condemned

10. Why a kiss?
11. Why didn’t Jesus defend himself against the false accusations?
12. If someone says to you this week – “so – tell me – you go to church – what’s Easter really all about?” – how will you answer?
13. If someone says to you – “have a great Easter – any plans?” – how will you answer in way which may result in people wanting to know more or engage with you about the meaning of Easter?