**Jesus’ Blood of the Covenant**

Mark 14:1-26 (key 24)

“This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many,” he said to them.”

1. As the Passover was approaching, what were the religious leaders plotting (1-2)? What unusual thing did a woman do to Jesus and why might she have done this (3)? What did some indignantly say and do (4-5)?
2. How did Jesus defend the woman (6)? In what sense was her action beautiful (7-8)? How did Jesus honor her (9)? How did Judas’ action differ from the woman’s and what might have motivated him to do this (10-11)?
3. What did the Passover commemorate and why was this one so important (12; Ex 12:12-14; Jn 1:29)? How did Jesus and his disciples prepare to celebrate it (13-16)?
4. What serious problem did Jesus bring up during the Passover meal and why (17-20)? How did Jesus want his disciples to understand Judas’ betrayal and his own death (21a)? How was this a warning to Judas Iscariot (21b)?
5. During the meal, how did Jesus explain the meaning of the bread and the cup (22-24; Jn 6:54)? What do Jesus’ words, “my blood of the covenant” signify to us (Ex 24:8; Jer 31:31-34; Heb 9:14-15)? What hope does this covenant give us (25-26, Mt 26:29)?