

Get Ready

- Getting ready for _____ (v.12-16)
A small test of _____ reveals that Christ is in control of every _____.
The Passover celebration was the Jewish equivalent of _____.
It was a _____ meal, a _____ annual celebration, and was to be celebrated in a prescribed _____ (Exodus 12)
- Getting ready for _____ (v.17-21)
A _____ meal set the stage for a _____ announcement (v.18)
The news caused deep _____ and sincere _____ (v.19),
which is a _____ disguised as _____. *When things go well, they point the finger _____.* *When things fall apart, they point the finger _____.* *But the problem is a _____.*
- Getting ready for the coming kingdom (v.22-26)
Ancient _____ are given _____ significance in Jesus
An ancient _____ promises present _____ in the Lord's salvation (see Ps.118:14-18)
- Getting ready for spectacular failure (v.27-31)
A _____ from Scripture (Zech.13:17) exposes the foolishness of _____.
Self-confidence is _____ without the disguise. *When things go well, the finger points _____; when they fall apart, the finger points _____.* *Again, the problem is a purely _____, not vertical.*

Because Jesus Christ is all-knowing and loving, we can GET READY...

- By trusting Him to guide us through the unknown details of life and take the unknowns a little bit at a time.
- By facing many unknowns of the future with total confidence in the promises of Scripture.
- By confessing all forms of pride (self-doubt, self-confidence) and resting in the grace and mercy that is ours through faith in Jesus Christ.
- By trusting in Jesus Christ alone for eternal salvation.

Discussion questions from the message.

- If you could see the future, what would you want to know? Why? What might be scary about knowing the future?
- Read Mark 14:12-16. Why was the Passover such a big deal to the Jewish people? What were the disciples instructed to do – what were they to look for, and say? How was this a test of faith?

Sometimes we want God to give us very specific instructions about what to do. What are some examples of this for you or your friends? What kinds of things about life has God been very specific about? (see John 13:34; 1 Thess. 4:3; 2 Peter 3:18; and consider specific commands) What does this teach us?
- Read Mark 14:17-21. What does Jesus know is going to happen? What is their response? What does Jesus say about the one who betrays Him? Why would it be better if he had never been born?

How does the principle in Matthew 25:29 impact you? How much have you (we) been given? What is expected of you (us)? What does faithfulness look like in light of what you have been given?
- Read Mark 14:22-25. Who eats the meal with Jesus? What would the disciples have understood to be the meaning of “this is my body” and “this is my blood” – would they have understood them to be his literal body and blood?

What is the new covenant? What does it involve? See Jeremiah 31:31-34. Have you become a member of the New Covenant Community? Are you trusting Jesus as your Savior?
- Read Mark 14:26-31. What will happen to all the disciples when Jesus is arrested (when the shepherd is struck)? What does Jesus promise to do and where does he promise to go?

Why do you suppose Peter is so confident? Where does his confidence seem to rest?

How do Peter and the rest of the disciples respond to Jesus' declaration that they will all fall away? What does this tell us about their understanding of their own hearts?

What should we learn from this about our own hearts?
- What do the events of this passage, and Jesus' words and actions, teach us about His confidence? How can we have this kind of confidence?