

IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS

Mark 14:12-26 Daily Devotions

Day 1: Planned Rescue

Primary Scripture: “The Son of Man goes as it is written of him.” (Mark 14:21)

Reflection:

We often assume that chaos means God has lost control. But the cross reminds us otherwise. Jesus’ suffering was not an interruption of God’s plan—it was the plan. Our hearts resist this truth because we want certainty without trust. Yet the gospel tells us that God is most at work when we feel most unsure. Before we act, perform, or obey, we rest in this grace: God’s purposes are not fragile. Your life is not random. The God who planned your rescue at the cross is holding you today.

Reflection Question: Where am I tempted to rely on control instead of trusting God’s wise plan?

Prayer: Father, help me rest today in your sovereign and loving care.

Additional Scripture: Romans 8:28

Day 2: Mercy at the Table

Primary Scripture: “Woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed.” (Mark 14:21)

Reflection:

Judas heard Jesus’ warning while sitting at the table. Judgment was real—but mercy was still offered. Our hearts often delay repentance, assuming we’ll respond later. But Scripture teaches that God’s kindness is meant to lead us to repentance now. The gospel confronts us honestly while inviting us graciously. Jesus does not expose sin to shame us, but to save us. If you feel conviction today, that itself is a gift. Christ is still calling, still inviting, still offering mercy to those who turn to him.

Reflection Question: What is one area where I am delaying obedience instead of responding to Christ today?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, give me a soft heart that turns quickly to you.

Additional Scripture: Romans 2:4

Day 3: Given for You

Primary Scripture: “This is my body... This is my blood of the covenant.” (Mark 14:22–24)

Reflection:

At the table, Jesus does not point us to an idea, but to himself. His body was given. His blood was poured out. The heart issue we all face is self-reliance—believing we can rescue ourselves. The gospel gently dismantles that lie. Salvation comes not from our effort, but from Christ’s sacrifice. Today, rest in what has already been accomplished for you. Before you strive to obey, receive again the grace that has been freely given through the cross.

Reflection Question: How would today look different if I truly rested in what Christ has already done for me?

Prayer: Thank you, Jesus, for giving yourself fully for my salvation.

Additional Scripture: Isaiah 53:5

Day 4: Gratitude Grows

Primary Scripture: “Do this in remembrance of me.” (Luke 22:19)

Reflection:

Gratitude does not grow automatically—it is cultivated through remembrance. Our hearts drift toward complaint and self-focus when we forget the cross. But when we return again and again to what Christ has done, thanksgiving begins to take root. This is not about forcing positive feelings, but about shaping faithful habits. The gospel frees us from earning grace and invites us to enjoy it. Remembering Jesus’ sacrifice softens our hearts and nurtures hope, even in difficult seasons.

Reflection Question: What is one specific way I can practice remembering Christ’s grace today?

Prayer: Gracious God, grow a thankful heart in me through remembrance of the cross.

Additional Scripture: Psalm 103:2

Day 5: Living for the Kingdom

Primary Scripture: “I will not drink again... until that day.” (Mark 14:25)

Reflection:

The Lord’s Supper points us forward as well as back. Jesus promises a future feast—a completed rescue and a restored world. Our hearts grow weary when we live only for the present. But the gospel lifts our eyes to what is coming. We follow Jesus now because we know where the story is going. Grace not only forgives us; it gives us purpose. Today, we live faithfully and help others follow Christ, trusting that our labor is not in vain.

Reflection Question: How does the hope of Christ’s coming shape the way I live and serve today?

Prayer: Lord, help me live with joyful hope as I wait for your kingdom.

Additional Scripture: Revelation 19:6–9