

Mark Chapter 14 —The last Supper and the Last days of Jesus on earth

In Chapter 14 of Mark's Gospel, Jesus shares a special meal with his disciples before he dies. During the meal, he takes bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to them. He also shares a cup of wine with them. Catholics remember this meal when we celebrate the Eucharist at Mass. Jesus tells his disciples that one of them will betray him, and later Judas leads the people who come to arrest Jesus. Jesus goes to a garden to pray because he feels sad and afraid about what is coming. He asks God for strength and chooses to follow God's plan. When Jesus is arrested, most of his disciples run away. Peter, who promised to stay with Jesus, becomes afraid and says three times that he does not know him. This chapter reminds us that Jesus loves us, even when we are afraid or make mistakes, and that we can turn to God for strength when life is difficult.

Talk about these questions together as a family. Take turns sharing your thoughts, listen to one another, and discover how Jesus' teachings can help your family grow in faith and show God's love in everyday life.

1. Jesus shared a special meal with his disciples. What do you like most about sharing a meal with your family or friends?

2. As you prepare to receive the Eucharist, what does sharing in Jesus' Body and Blood mean to you?

3. Jesus felt sad and afraid in the garden, so he prayed to God. What do you do when you feel sad, worried, or afraid?

4. Peter was afraid and made a mistake when he said he did not know Jesus. How can we make things right when we make a mistake?

5. What is one way our family can show Jesus that we love him and want to follow him this week?