



Question MARK

A LENTEN STUDY ON THE GOSPEL OF MARK

WEEK 6: MARK CHAPTERS 14 -16

For this week,
Find a cozy place and light a candle.
Read chapters 14 - 16

A SUMMARY

Chapter 14: contains the plot to kill Jesus, his anointing by a woman, the Last Supper, predictions of his betrayal, and Peter the Apostle's three denials of him.

Chapter 15: records the narrative of Jesus' passion, including his trial before Pontius Pilate and then his crucifixion, death, and burial.

Chapter 16: we have a short account of the resurrection and ascension of the Lord Jesus: and the joys and triumphs it furnished all believers with, will be very acceptable to those who sympathized and suffered with Christ in the preceding chapters.

Then, read the poetry below, listen to the 1-minute St. Mark Passion, contemplate the artwork, and wonder about the questions below.

Reflect & Act

POETRY

THE HOPE OF RESURRECTION – VACHEL LINDSAY (1879–1931)

Though I have watched so many mourners weep

*O'er the real dead, in dull earth laid asleep—
Those dead seemed but the shadows of my days*

*That passed and left me in the sun's bright rays.
Now though you go on smiling in the sun*

*Our love is slain, and love and you were one.
You are the first, you I have known so long,*

*Whose death was deadly, a tremendous wrong.
Therefore I seek the faith that sets it right*

*Amid the lilies and the candle-light.
I think on Heaven, for in that air so dear*

*We two may meet, confused and parted here.
Ah, when man's dearest dies, 'tis then he goes*

*To that old balm that heals the centuries' woes.
Then Christ's wild cry in all the streets is rife—*

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

MUSIC

Las Pasion, Carnegie Hall Live: Golijov's St. Mark Passion
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGop93JBx-g>

ART

CHRIST OF ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS – SALVADOR DALI

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. *Jesus is condemned by both religious and political authorities as a threat. What is threatening to you about the way of living that Jesus sets out in his teaching and in enacting the kingdom through his way of servanthood? What is freeing about it?*
2. *Jesus is betrayed by Judas and denied by Peter. Nonetheless, Jesus fed both of them at the Last Supper. Both actively and passively, we deny Jesus and betray him, by the way we live. What impact does the story of Jesus feeding Judas and Peter have on the parts of you that deny or betray him?*
3. *The women disciples are the ones who remain faithful to Jesus, both at the cross and in their coming to anoint him. What do you make of the male disciples' betrayal, denial, and absence at the cross? What do you make of the faithfulness of the women?*

