

## Two Meals with Jesus – Read Mark 14:1-26

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**EASIER:** What are some things that make the woman's gift of perfume a great gift, and how does what Jesus said about it make it even more special?

**HARDER:** The Passover meal was about remembering the greatest thing God did to save his people—how he rescued them from Egypt. Why could Jesus dare to change it and say it's now all about what *he's* going to do?

**SUPER TOUGHIE:** Many times the Bible shows how humble Jesus is. But at both of these meals he makes a big fuss about himself. Why is that, and how is it not being prideful (bragging)?

## Night in the Garden – Read Mark 14:27-52

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**EASIER:** God the Father planned for Jesus to die for our sins. In this passage, what are some ways Jesus shows that he puts what God wants ahead of *anything* else?

**HARDER:** Think of at least three things about the way Jesus prays that would be good for us to remember when we pray?

**SUPER TOUGHIE:** Do you remember the time Jesus and the disciples were in a boat in a storm? The disciples were scared to death but Jesus slept through the danger! Why is Jesus' death on the cross something to keep him up at night while others sleep, when the prospect of death in the storm had the opposite effect?

## Jesus on Trial – Read Mark 14:53-15:15

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**EASIER:** When Peter was in the courtyard and someone told the truth about him, he wanted so badly to defend himself that he told lies. But when witnesses told lies about Jesus, Jesus was able to take it. He let them keep doing it without defending himself at all. What does this tell you about the kind of person Jesus is?

**HARDER:** What do you think are some reasons why Jesus finally spoke up when he was asked if he was the Son of God and the King of the Jews?

**SUPER TOUGHIE:** Why do you think Jesus's trial is recorded in the Bible? Why is it important that we know Jesus, an innocent man, was judged to be guilty.

## Mocking Jesus – Read Mark 15:16-41

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**EASIER:** The sign on the cross above Jesus saying “The King of the Jews” was probably put there to make fun of him, like the soldiers did. But it also turned out to be true. Do you think God planned it that way? Why would he?

**HARDER:** In another place the chief priests make fun of Jesus by saying he saved others but can’t save himself. How does the idea that Jesus is saving others but not himself also fit what’s really true about the cross?

**SUPER TOUGHIE:** Here the Bible tells more about how people made fun of Jesus than it tells about the physical pain he suffered. Why do you think this is?

## From Death to Life – Read Mark 15:42-16-20

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**EASIER:** Jesus’s tomb starts out as a place of sadness. But then it becomes the place where the angel is found and good news is first heard. How should this change the way we think about how we will all die and be buried someday, too?

**HARDER:** Remember what happened the last time Jesus saw his disciples and Peter before his death. Why would it be important to him that the angel tell the women to let the disciples know he was alive?

**SUPER TOUGHIE:** Why is it important that Jesus was buried? Think of three reasons.