

## **Bible Readings Book by Book week 79 – w/c 7/5/23**

### **Week 79**

**Monday: Mark 14:43-65** See verse 61. Jesus could have mounted a magnificent defense here, calling forth various witnesses to His deity, power and character. The people He taught, the people He healed, the dead risen, even the demons themselves testified to His deity. Yet he remained silent to fulfil the prophecy in Isaiah 53:7. Do you have the same faith in God's sovereign plan?

**Tuesday: Mark 14:66-72** In v31 Peter was absolutely certain he would never disown Jesus, but that same night he does so three times. Why do you think he did? Why did he break down and weep (v72)? Thank God that God does not cast us away when we fail him – Peter's greatest opportunities and successes came after this time of failure.

**Wednesday: Mark 15:1-15** The name Barabbas means "son of the father". The crowd were accepting a false son of the father. If anyone was able to say, "Jesus died for me," it was Barabbas. He knew what it was to have Jesus die on his behalf, the innocent in the place of the guilty. Thank God today that he sent Jesus to die for you.

**Thursday: Mark 15:16-32** See v30 and compare Matt 26:53. The irony is that Jesus could have come off the cross by "saving himself". If He had done so, however, He could not have saved us. Praise God that he chose to die for you.

**Friday: Mark 15:33-47** The significance of the temple curtain being torn from top to bottom is that it would have been impossible by human means. God tore the curtain signifying that man now has free access to the throne of grace through the work of the cross. Thank God that we have access to the Father through the work of Christ Jesus.

**Weekend: Mark 16:1-20** Look at the question the women were asking in v3. Praise God that if our desire to meet him is genuinely based on faith and love for him, the obstacles we fear are nothing compared with the ability of God to remove everything that would be a hindrance.