

Study Sheet
IHOP BIBLE STUDY
July 2003

The Topic: Mark 14: 33 - 15:41

This is the thirteenth session in our study of Mark. This session is the second of the last three studies in Mark. According to the Gospel Chart of Mark, this section is on "The Event of Christ As the New Birth." The study for this week is on "The sacrifice and blood offering." A better sub-title would be "Living in the Spirit, and dying to this world."

I. Read the entire selected passages in one reading.

II. For Christians, there is no more familiar passage in the entire Bible. These verses are the Holy Week readings. However, I wonder if we really understand the significance of what we read? Recently, I finished Richard Elliott's book *Falling In Love With The Mystery* (editor's note: Ask Marilyn Ericson for a copy. She has several. Dorrance Publishers, 1998). His thesis is that the Bible is difficult for modern society to interpret because nature (Elliott's understanding of cosmos) in the biblical worldview was understood very differently in Jesus' time than it is now. Our understanding of nature (or the cosmos) is understood in light of the revelations by Copernicus, Newton, Darwin and Einstein. However, this does not defeat the story of the death and resurrection; it simply sheds a brighter light on the meaning and significance of it. This new worldview of the Bible is made meaningful in our use of "gut trip analysis." Viewed in this light, and in the light of our "gut trip analysis," this beautiful old passages can be understood as "living in the spirit and dying to this world." In Chapter 14: 32 through 15: 20, Jesus illuminates the significance of what it means to die to this world. In 15: 21 through vs. 47, Jesus illuminates the significance of what it means to live in the spirit. Now, in light of these observations, discuss Jesus' experience in Gethsemane (14: 32 - 42), the arrest of Jesus (14: 43 - 52), Jesus before the Sanhedrin (14: 53 - 65), Peter's denial of Jesus (14: 66 - 70), Jesus before Pilate (15: 1- 15), the mocking of Jesus (15: 16 - 20), the Crucifixion (15: 21 - 32), and the death of Jesus (15: 33 - 41). The burial of Jesus is left for next week.

Journey well in this week's study. It can bring you New Life!