

Remembering What's Important Mark 14:22-31

I. The Spiritual Significance of the Last Supper (Mark 14: 22-24).

A. *This is my body* (14:22).

- Christ was our substitute bearing the penalty of our sins in his body (Romans 5:8; 1 Peter 2:24)

B. *This is my blood of the covenant* (14:23-24a).

- Christ initiated the new covenant of grace through His blood (Hebrews 9:11-28; Ephesians 1:7-9).

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C. Christ prophesied that He would not eat with them like this until the millennial kingdom (1:24b).

II. The Spiritual Warning of the Last Supper (Mark 14:25-31).

A. Jesus says: *You will all fall away* (14:26-28).

1. The group sings Passover songs (Psalms 115-118) and goes to the Mount of Olives (26).
2. Jesus warns that the disciples will abandon Him (27).
3. Jesus arranges to meet disciples in Galilee after the resurrection (28; Mark 16:5-7).

Principle: Nothing in Christ's death was unknown or unplanned – even the disciples' failures.

B. Peter says: *I won't fall away*, but Jesus reminds him, *Yes you will, Peter* (14:29-31).

Principle: We should not be confident in our own strength spiritually, but rather in God's strength in us.

Principle: Christ knows we will fail him – but He still wants us!