



# Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

## TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022



### Take your Pulse

What is your most memorable experience of Holy Communion?

What does Holy Communion mean to you?

### Today's Reading

Mark Chapter 14

There is officially a plot now to kill Jesus as Judas agrees to betray Jesus. While at the home of Simon the Leper, an unnamed woman anoints Jesus foreshadowing his upcoming death. Jesus then spends his Passover with the disciples where the Lord's Supper is instituted. Peter is told he will deny Jesus, which doesn't make him too happy. Jesus then takes the sleepy Peter, James and John to Gethsemane to pray and they fail to stay awake. It is there in the garden that Jesus is betrayed and arrested. He is taken before the council where false testimony was made against him. The high priest, chief priests and elders all condemn him as deserving death. Jesus is beaten, spit upon, and abused. While all this was taking place, Peter watched from a distance and when asked, denied on at least 3 occasions of having ever known Jesus.



### Start the Thinking

Throughout Mark, the disciples have always been bumbling idiots. So it should be of no surprise that at Jesus' betrayal and arrest, they all end up abandoning him. Why do you think they left him? What helps you get through difficult situations when you are torn between what you think you should do and what you are tempted to do?



### Conversing with God

Dear Jesus,

Even when we want to follow you, we often fail. Give us the strength and courage to do the hard work of ministry, even when we are afraid. Amen.



### Be blessed

May the God of surprises bring smiles and joys to the everyday and ordinary.

May the God of love be seen in all we do and say.

May the God of life who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen