

## **THE CROSS OF CHRIST 3**

### **Looking Below the Surface Mark 14 vs. 12-26.**

1. Jesus announces that one of his disciples will betray him vs. 17-21. All of them respond by saying 'surely not I'. Why do you think each of them entertains the possibility that one of them will betray Jesus?
2. How do people still betray Jesus today?
3. How do you think the disciples react to the startling words and actions that Jesus introduces into the Passover meal vs. 22-25?
4. Jesus identifies the bread as 'my body' v 22. We should picture unleavened bread rather than the familiar loaves of yeast bread. What is symbolic about what Jesus does with the bread?
5. Jesus identifies the wine as 'my blood of the covenant'. What is symbolic about what Jesus does with the wine vs. 22-23?
6. What do the disciples do with the bread and wine Jesus offers them vs. 22-23?
7. By the time the disciples sing a traditional Passover hymn and go out into the darkness, there are only 11 of them, Judas has left. What thoughts do you think fill their minds as they follow Jesus to the Mount of Olives v 26?
8. Based on this scripture passage what purposes of God are fulfilled in the crucifixion of Christ?
9. The next time you take Communion, what do you think will be especially striking to you?