

# Growth Teams

Week Beginning  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2015

## Going deeper

Jesus often referred to himself as 'The Son of Man.' In this passage he reveals what he means by that title, when he admits his true identity for the first time in public. Mark 14:62 combines quotes from both Psalm 110 and Daniel 7. It is Daniel 7 that talks of 'one like a son of man' (Daniel 7:13). He comes before God to take up his kingdom in place of the corrupt kingdoms of the world that are pictured as terrifying beasts in the first part of Daniel 7.

## Read Daniel 7:1-14

5. What does it say about the earthly empires that they are described as beasts?
6. How is God described? What impression about God is this trying to give?
7. What happens to the beasts in God's presence?
8. How is the 'one like a son of man' different to the beasts and how is he treated in God's presence? Why is his kingdom ultimately better than the other kingdoms?
9. Jesus was about to be handed over to the might of the great Roman Empire to be crucified? How would he have been reassured by this passage? How can suffering Christians today be reassured?

***Now turn over and do 'Applying it to our lives'.***

## Growth Teams

Growth Teams are a wonderful opportunity to go deeper with other Christians. They are a great place to build real friendships and support networks, to pray for one another and to look more carefully at the topics we consider on a Sunday.

Over these few weeks we will be looking at Mark 14. This week we see what happens when Jesus is arrested and put on trial.



**Growing in Christ  
to glorify God  
and enjoy Him forever.**

## An Anguished Prayer

Mark 14:43-65 (page 1021)

*Space to take notes on the talk*

1. Judas: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Arrest Party: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Disciple: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Sanhedrin: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sanhedrin: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Sanhedrin: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Sanhedrin: \_\_\_\_\_

## Starter question

- What is one of your most embarrassing moments?

## Responding to the talk

1. If someone asked you over coffee what you learnt at church on Sunday, what would you say?
2. Read Mark 14:43-50
  - a. What is so awful about Judas's actions?
  - b. How does Jesus criticise the arrest party?
  - c. Why does someone draw a sword? (cf. Luke 22:49-51; John 18:10-11) What have they got wrong?
  - d. What have they all misunderstood about Jesus?
3. Read Mark 14:53-64
  - a. What things about this trial seem to be 'dodgy'?
  - b. What was the Sanhedrin trying to achieve? (cf. Mark 3:6; 11:18; 12:12; 14:1)
  - c. How close to the truth was the claim made in vs. 58? (cf. Mark 11:15-17; 13:1-2; John 2:12-22)
  - d. Why did the High Priest call Jesus's statement in verse 62 blasphemy? What had he failed to understand?
4. Read Mark 14:65-15:1
  - a. Some mock Jesus as a prophet. In what ways were they proving that Jesus was a prophet? (cf. Mark 10:32-34)

*If there is time, you may like to do the 'Going deeper' questions over the page. Otherwise please just jump to questions 10 and 11.*

## Applying it to our lives

10. In what ways today can we be enthusiastic supporters of Jesus, but fail to do it in Jesus's way?
11. When we are mocked and abused for being Christians, how can we draw comfort from Jesus's example and words?