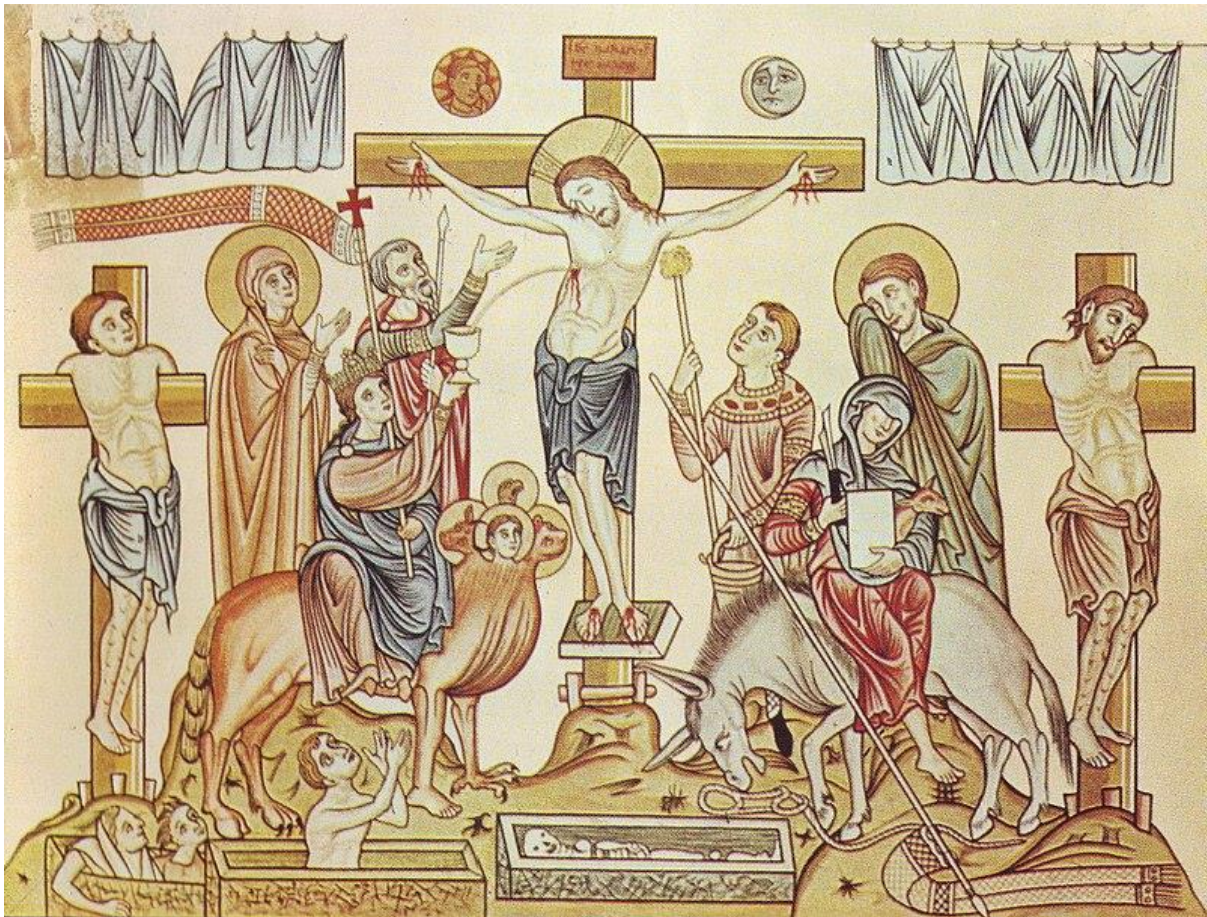


Presentation 10

Overview of Mk 14-16

Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection

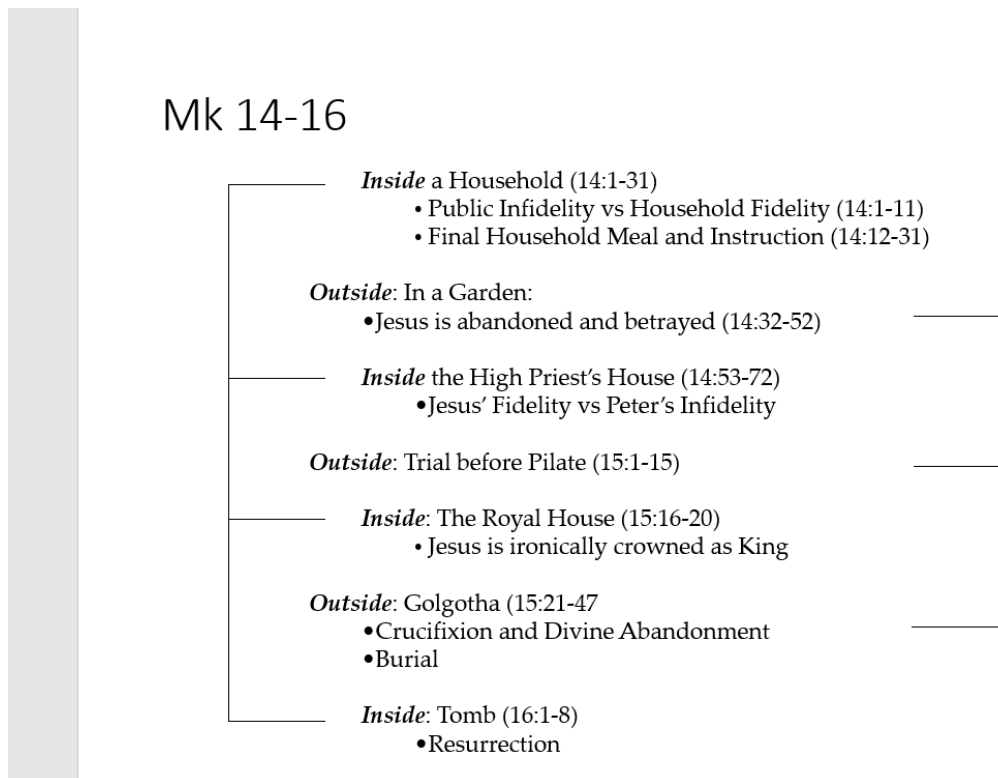


Crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth, medieval illustration from the Hortus deliciarum of Herrad of Landsberg, 12th century

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1. Preparing to Listen to Mk 14-16

- *The final chapters of the Gospel:* Everything has been leading to these chapters. Everything prepares for these chapters.
 - Ernst Best: ‘The death of Jesus broods over the entire Gospel...’ (*Mark: The Gospel as Story* -- T&TClark, 1983, 66).
 - Martin Kahler: “The Gospels are passion narratives with lengthy introductions.”
- *Literary Movement in these chapters:*



- *The Drama of Mark's Passion in Four Acts:*

Act One: The Perspective for attending to the Passion (13:32-14:52)

Act Two: The Trials of Jesus and Failure of Disciples (14:53-15:30)

First Trial Religious Interrogation (14:53-72)

Second Trial: Roman Trial (15:1-20)

Act Three: Crucifixion, Death and Burial (15:31-47)

Act Four: Resurrection (16:1-8)



Crucifixion, from the Buhl Altarpiece, a particularly large [Gothic](#) oil on panel painting from the 1490s.

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2. *Preliminary Reflections*

- Death reflects life.
- What is the meaning of death for Jesus' followers?
- The passion story is first formulated before other Gospel stories emerge. This becomes the interpretative lens for all the stories in Mark's Gospel.

Pope Francis on 'death'

- *"Death is a fact; death is an inheritance; death is a memory...We are neither eternal nor ephemeral: we are men and women on a journey in time, time that begins, and time that ends."*
- *"What would be my legacy if God were to call me today? What legacy would I leave as a testimony of my life?" It is a good question to ask ourselves. And thus we can prepare ourselves, because each one of us... none of us will remain "as a relic." We must all go down this path.*
- *When I die, what would I like to have done in this decision that I must make today, in my way of living today? It is an anticipated memory that illuminates the "moment" of today, illuminating with the fact of death the decisions that I must make every day.*
- *Knowing we are on journey that leads to death 'will make us treat everyone well.'*

Homily, Casa Santa Marta, 2 February 2018

- In the face of death, who is God? Who is Jesus? What does it mean to be a disciple?

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION & CONVERSATION

- What has been your experience of suffering and death?
- What are some of the questions that surface in you when you experience suffering or the death of someone close to you?

IN PREPARATION FOR THE NEXT PRESENTATION

- Each of the four Acts of Mark's Passion will be reflected upon in turn.
- Read Act One: Mark 13:32-14:42.

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