

Jesus The King:
Understanding The Life & Death Of The Son Of God

Discussion Guide

Chapter 13: The Temple

1. Read Mark 11:1-10. In the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, Jesus ‘combines character traits that we would consider mutually exclusive’, say Keller. Like what? (pp.168-169)

2. Read Mark 11:15-18. Keller argues the Jesus’s cleansing of the temple is radically subversive. How so? (p.171)

3. The temple was in some ways a re-enactment of the Garden of Eden. Look at pages 172-173, then discuss:

- What it means to be, or not be, in the presence of God.

- The flaming sword

- How the Gentiles would be welcomed back into God’s presence

4. Read Mark 11:12-14. What lessons does the story of the fruitless fig tree have to teach us about barren spirituality? (pp.175-177)

Chapter 14: The Feast

1. Read Mark 14:22-25. In this brilliant chapter, Keller unpacks for us how the Jewish feast of Passover points directly to Jesus's life and death. Let's take some time to unpack all the ways this is so, as described in pages 178-184.

2. The significance of the Lord's Supper for us can be summarized by three words which Keller describes on pages 186-188. Discuss the lessons found with each one.

Food

Family

Future

Chapter 15: The Cup

Read Mark 14:32-36.

1. The theme of this chapter is the *wrath of God*. As we look at Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, it appears as if Jesus is facing his death less calmly than the Greeks and Romans (and later his own followers) do. Why is this? (pp.190-192)

2. Someone says to you, “I don’t like the idea of the wrath of God. I want a God of love.” What would you say in response? (pp.193-195)

3. When we suffer, there is often a tug of war in our hearts between our circumstances and our desires. Different people – and different religions too – approach these things in different ways. How so? (pp.195-196)

4. What did Jesus do in the Garden of Gethsemane that is so unique? (pp.197-198)