

CHAPTER 26, THE HOUR OF DARKNESS

Journal your answers to these questions as you read through the chapter this week. You may wish to read one day and journal the next, or spread the questions over the whole week.

DAY 1

1. While in the upper room with His disciples, Jesus knew his death was imminent. What was most important to Him (p. 367-371)? How would you spend the last day of your life and why? How might your answer shape your daily life now?
2. In John 14:1-17 (p. 369-370), Jesus described His relationship with the Father and the Spirit. This relationship, referred to as the Trinity is foundational to our understanding of God. How would you describe their community?
3. What did Jesus teach about the relationship of the Spirit to you personally?
4. Jesus said, *“If you love Me, keep my commands”* (p. 370). Looking at your past week, in what ways have you succeeded in following Jesus’ commands?

DAY 2

1. List some ways we see Jesus’ love for his enemies. How does this compare with your treatment of your enemies? Your loved ones?
2. Describe Peter’s volatile relationship with Jesus. What lessons from him can you apply to your own relationship with the LORD?

DAY 3

1. Jesus’ crucifixion happened in conjunction with the Passover. What does it mean that Jesus is our Passover lamb?
2. *“It is finished”* (p. 314, John 19:30). During the time of Christ, this was the same word which was written across tax receipts and mortgages, meaning *“paid in full.”* What was finished? Look up John 1:29, Romans 5:6-10, and 2 Corinthians 5:21 for insight. Ponder for a moment your personal *“debt”* and your new *“account status”* because it was *“paid in full,”* then respond in appropriate prayer.