

Mark Chapter 11 and 12

Mark 11: 1-11 The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

- 10th of Nissan when the lambs were inspected.
- Jesus presents himself as *the Meshiach Nagid* – Messiah the King
- No reference to Zechariah 9:9 – Mark wrote to a Gentile audience.
- No reference to Daniel 9:25 – this is covered more fully in Luke 19
- The colt had never been used for “ordinary” work.
- Quoting Psalm 118: 24,26 – Hallel Psalm with Messianic promise

VS 12 – 14 The Cursing of the Fig Tree; Cleansing of the Temple

- The only time in scripture He uses his power and authority to destroy anything.
- Jesus never used his power for personal purposes.
- Odd that Jesus cursed the tree for not having fruit, knowing it was not the time.
- Had leaves – promise of fruit.
 - Matthew 3: 10 – John the Baptist
 - Luke 13: 6-9 – Fig Tree given another chance.
 - John 15 – Vine and Branches – bear much fruit.
 - Fig Tree represents unfruitful Israel.
- Temple cleansing represents the corruption of Israel.
 - Extortion
 - Jeremiah 7:11 – my house is a den of robbers.
 - Not a house of Prayer for all people
 - Isaiah 56:6,7
- Chief Priest wanted to destroy Him.

VS 19-26 – Have Faith in God

- Fig tree is dried up.
- Jesus commends.
 - Faith
 - Belief
 - Prayer
 - Forgive as forgiven.

VS 27 – 33 The Authority of Jesus

- Chief Priest, Scribes and Elders come to Jesus.
- By what authority do you do this (cleanse the Temple)
- Temple could only be cleansed by:
 - Sanhedrin
 - A Prophet
 - The Messiah

- Was the Baptism of John from heaven or of men?

Chapter 12

1. Parable of the Vineyard
2. Taxation
3. The Resurrection
4. The Greatest Commandment
5. Messiah and David
6. The Widows Two Mites

VS 1-12 The Parable of the Vineyard

- Isaiah 5: 1-7 – The Vineyard is clearly Israel.
- God's Generosity
 - Gave all provision necessary to succeed.
 - Wall, Vat, Winepress, Tower, etc.
- God's Patience – gave opportunities repeatedly for compliance.
 - Leviticus 19: 23-25 – fruit could not be eaten until the fifth year.
 - Sent His servants and they were killed (prophets)
 - Sent His Son and they killed Him.
- God's Justice and Judgment
 - He removed them and replaced them.
- Jesus as Son
 - Jesus knew He was to be killed.
 - Jesus knew He would triumph.
- Man
 - Is responsible and accountable for the privileges given.
 - Man will be held accountable and judged accordingly.
- The Vineyard was given to others.
- Jesus, the stone the builders rejected.
 - Psalm 118: 22-23
 - Ephesians 2:20
 - Acts 4:11
 - 1 Peter 4:7
- The cornerstone is Christ.
 - Matthew 21:42
 - 1 Corinthians 3:10-11 – only one foundation, Jesus Christ

VS 13-17 Jesus and Taxation

- God created the State.
- Necessary for societal stability
- Necessary for commerce
- Necessary for law and order, resolution of conflicts

- It is necessary for people to live together in the community.
- Romans 13:1-3 – to deal with evil doers and protect society.
 - Funded by taxation.
- Render to Ceasar what belongs to Ceasar.
- Render to God what belongs to God.

VS 18 – 27 Sadducees and the Resurrection

- The Sadducees did not believe in:
 - The soul
 - Angels
 - Demons
 - The afterlife
 - Final judgment
 - The resurrection
- Sadducees did believe in the Torah – first five books of the Old Testament, Law of Moses
- Jesus quotes Exodus 3:6 – burning bush, I AM
- God is the God of the living.

VS 28 – 35 The Greatest Commandment

- The OT has 613 “commandments” – 365 are negative precepts, 245 are positive.
- Psalm 115 condensed them to 15.
- Isaiah 35:15 condensed them to 6.
- Micah 6:8 condensed them to 3.
- Isaiah 52:1 condensed them to 2.
- Habakkuk condensed them to 1.
- This was a common conversation amongst the theological elite to grade them.
- Jesus summarized them from Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Leviticus 19:18

VS 36 – 40 The Messiah and David

- Jesus asks a question – How is the Messiah the son of David?
- Jesus quotes Psalm 110: 1
- David calls him LORD so how can he (Jesus) also be David’s son?
- Jesus was born of the House and Lineage of David.
- Jesus was the eternal Son of God and became flesh through the bloodline of David.

VS 41- 44 The Widows Two Mites

- It is the proportion not the amount.
- The tithe grants equal proportion before Gods
- The amount, regardless of how generous or large is evaluated by God based of the proportion of one’s wealth and abundance.

