

The Gospel of Mark

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Mark Chapters 10:32-12:44

Day 37: Why He Came Mark 10:32-45; Luke 18:31

- **Drink the cup:** divine judgment against human sin: Isa. 51:17-23; Jer. 23:15-28
- **Be baptized:** under water, an image of being overwhelmed by calamity; Job 22:11; Luke 12:50
- **Share in his sufferings:** Persecution, Purification: Acts 12:12; Rev. 1:9; Luke 3:16; 1 Pet. 4:12-13, 17
- **Serve and give his life as a ransom:** *Lytron*: price of release, includes idea of substitution: 1 Tim. 2:5-6; 1 Pet. 1:18-19, 2:24

Assignment: Reflect on Ps. 91:14-16 and 2 Cor. 8:9. How does Jesus' teaching in this gospel change how you view suffering? How could you become more like Jesus in your service to others?

Day 38: Jesus Heals a Blind Man, Enters Jerusalem Mark 10:46-52, 11:1-11; Matt. 20:29-34, 21:1-11; Luke 18:31-43, 19:28-44; John 12:12-18

- **A Blind Man with Spiritual Sight:** Son of David: 2 Sam. 7:14, Ps. 2:7
- **Triumphal Entry:** On a colt: Zech. 9:9; cloaks on road: 2 Kings 9:13; palm branches: 1 Kings 6:29: symbol of Jewish nationalism and victory
- **Hosanna:** O Save or Save Now! Ps. 118:25-26

Assignment: Read above verses. What indicates that Bartimaeus became a true follower of Jesus? Have you received God's mercy, and if so how has it changed you?

Day 39: Jesus Curses the Fig Tree, Cleanses the Temple, Answers Religious Leaders Mark 11:12-33; Matt. 21:18-22

- **Cursed Fig Tree:** symbolizes God's judgment on unfruitful Israel: Jer. 8:13
- **Temple Cleansing:** Den of Robbers/House of Prayer: Isa. 56:7; Jer. 7:11
- **Withered Fig Tree:** Pray with faith in God and forgiveness toward others: Mark 10:27, 14:36; Eph. 4:32
- **By What Authority:** John the Baptist's ministry from God?

Assignment: Consider the above verses. How do Jesus' actions demonstrate that he is the Messiah? How could you pray with more confidence in God's power and goodness, and in more submission to his will?

Day 40: Parable of the Tenants, Paying Taxes to Caesar Mark 12:1-17; Matt. 21:33-46; Luke 20: 9-19

- **Vineyard:** Israel: Isa. 5:1-7
- **Servants and Beloved Son:** Prophets and Jesus: Ps. 118:22-23
- **Tenants:** Leaders reject God's Son and God Himself: Acts 4:1-12; 1 Pet. 2:4-8
- **Taxes to Caesar, Devotion to God:** People bear God's image: Gen. 1:26-27

Assignment: *Read above verses. How will God deal with the rebellious tenants? Consider how you could more faithfully bear God's image and render to God what belongs to God.*

Day 41: Questions about the Resurrection, Great Commandment, Christ
Mark 12:18-44

- **Sadducees:** accepted Pentateuch but denied resurrection and angels: Acts 23:8; Dan. 12:1-3
- **God of the living:** Ex. 3:1-6
- **Most important commandments:** Deut. 6:4-5; Lev. 19:18
- **Messiah is David's Son and Lord:** Ps. 110:1
- **Poor Widow:** Devotion, complete dependence upon God

Assignment: *Study the above verses. Contrast the pretense of the scribes with the faith of the poor widow. In what ways could you grow in loving God more than yourself, and loving neighbors as yourself?*