

THE BOOK OF MARK – CHAPTER 12

HOLY WEEK/PASSION WEEK

Sunday:

- Triumphal entry into Jerusalem
- 1st temple visit
- In the evening, goes to Bethany

Monday:

- Back to Jerusalem (curses fig tree)
- 2nd temple visit (righteous anger)
- Back to Bethany

Tuesday:

- Back to Jerusalem (withered fig tree)
- 3rd temple visit
- Rounds of confrontations and teaching moments

Round One: "Them"

- Owner of the vineyard: LORD
- Vineyard: Israel
- Tenants of the vineyard: Religious leaders
- Servants of the vineyard: Prophets
- Owner's beloved son: Jesus
- Others: open door to the Gentiles

Round Two: Pharisees/Herodians

Round Three: Sadducees

Round Four: One scribe

Round Five: Great Throng

Round Six: Disciples

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MARK 12

1. In the parable of the vineyard, the religious leaders knew exactly who Jesus was referring to (verse 12) What He said was hard truth and they did NOT take it well. From where do you hear hard truth? (spouse, friend, your kids, etc.) What is your initial response? Are you fight or flight?
2. Look again at the exchange between Jesus and the Sadducees, particularly in verse 24 and the end of verse 27. What will it take for us to avoid falling into the same trap as the Sadducees? Do you have a viable, reliable strategy so you aren't mistaken about the Scriptures?
3. Look at verse 37. Why is it the large crowds enjoyed listening to Jesus? (probably for the same reason they were amazed in Luke 2:42-47)
4. Jesus describes the religious leaders to the large crowds listening at the temple. (verses 38-40) What are our "long robes?" Maybe this quote will help:

"Legalism is a wicked lie that
Puts a mirror in front of us
And makes us think we are
Looking at Christ when we are
Actually adoring the ghost of
Our own self-righteousness."
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