



Bible Study: Gospel of Mark

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A Bit of Context (Mark 11:1-12:12)

- Jesus' triumphal entry
- A fig tree and some money changers
- Questioning authority
- Parable of the vineyard owner

Mark 12:13-17

- Another trap
 - Pharisees and Herodians
- Is it lawful?
- Whose image is this?

Mark 12:18-27

- In Death and In Life
- Another testimony

Mark 12:28-34

- A different heart
- A simple message: Love God, Love others.

Mark 12:35-44

- It's Jesus' turn to question
- Son of David or David's Lord
- Watch out for these!
- She gave everything

Questions for discussion:

1. Many times when we ask if it is lawful/right for us to do something, like those questioning Jesus, we are asking the wrong question. We need instead to be focusing on whose image we bear. How does knowing we were created to display His image in the world help us to make decisions that honor Him?
2. What fears have you faced surrounding the topic of death and dying? How has God helped you in this area? Are you confident in the resurrection life that Jesus has promised to those who believe in Him? (Don't forget to watch/rewatch last Sunday's message!)
3. How do we complicate the Christian life today similarly to the Pharisees and teachers of the law? What pressures do we face from outside of ourselves that overcomplicate the message? How does Jesus' statement of the Greatest Commandment, and the second one like it, help you to rest in your walk with the Lord?
4. What is so important about the clarification Jesus made between the teachers of the law calling Him "son of David" and David calling Him "Lord"? What does it mean to you to call Jesus Lord of your life?
5. How do the teachers that Jesus warns about and the widow that gave everything demonstrate their view of God by the choices they made? Which one had a true understanding of the Greatest Commandment?