

JESUS' VISIT TO CAESAREA PHILIPPI

Mark 8: 27—9: 1

After Jesus' unusual progressive healing of the blind man at Bethsaida, He and His disciples traveled into another hitherto unreached area. Read now to see where this was, and what happened there:

A. Jesus Questions of the Disciples: Read Mark 8:27-30

1. Into what towns did Jesus and His disciples travel next? Mark 8:27a (Locate this on a map.) _____
2. What question did He ask the disciples as they traveled? Mark 8:27b

3. What three answers did they give Him? Mark 8:28

4. What was His second question to them? Mark 8:29a

5. Which of the disciples answered for the group? Mark 8:29b

6. What was His answer? Mark 8:29c

7. What did Jesus then charge them? Mark 8:30

B. Jesus' Teachings to the Disciples: Read Mark 8:31-33

1. What four things did Jesus begin to teach His disciples? Mark 8:31
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
2. How did He speak this saying? Mark 8:32a

3. What did Peter do when he heard this? Mark 8:32b
Note: "Rebuke" Means to reprimand or reprove.

4. What three things did Jesus then do? Mark 8:33a

5. What did He say to Peter? Mark 8:33b

6. Whose views did Jesus indicate that Peter was expressing? Mark 8:33c

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7. Keep in mind what the Jews expected the Christ, their Messiah, to do. (See Acts 1:6) Did this agree at all with what Jesus had just predicted?
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C. Jesus' Teachings to the People and His Disciples: Read Mark 8:34-9:1

1. After Jesus had called all the people to Him as well as His disciples, what three things did He teach them that anyone who would come after Him must do? Mark 8:34b
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2. What did He say would happen to those who tried to save their lives? Mark 8:35a
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3. But what would happen to those who were willing to lose their lives for His sake and gospel's? Mark 8:35b
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4. What two other very important questions did He ask? Mark 8:36, 37
- a. _____
- b. _____
5. What did He say would happen to those who were ashamed of Him and of His words here on earth? Mark 8:38
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6. What did He promise would happen to some of those standing there before they died? Mark 9:1
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QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Did Jesus' description of what it meant to follow the Messiah agree at all with the disciples' ideas of what it would mean? Mark 8:34b, 35
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2. Am I willing to deny myself, take up my cross, and follow Jesus—at any cost? Even if it means that I must lose my life for His sake and the gospel's?
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JESUS' VISIT TO A HIGH MOUNTAIN

Mark 9: 2—13

No doubt while they were still in the territory of Caesarea Philippi, Jesus took a side-trip up into a mountain with three of His disciples. Read now to see which three they were, and what happened while they were there:

A. Events on the Top of the Mountain: Read Mark 9:2-8

1. What three disciples did Jesus take with Him on this trip? Mark 9:2a

2. Where did they go? Mark 9:2b

3. What happened to Jesus there as the disciples watched? Mark 9:2c

4. What did this transfiguration (supernatural change in the appearance of Jesus on the mountain) include? Mark 9:3

5. Who appeared to the disciples, and talked with Jesus? Mark 9:4

6. What did Peter say about this experience? Mark 9:5a, b

7. What did he suggest that they should do? Mark 9:5c, d

8. Why did he say this? Mark 9:6a

9. How did all three disciples feel? Mark 9:6b

10. What happened as they were beholding this wonderful sight? Mark 9:7a

11. What supernatural event took place after this? Mark 9:7b

12. What supernatural message was given to the disciples? Mark 9:7c

13. Then what suddenly happened? Mark 9:8

B. Events as They Descended from the Mountain: Read Mark 9:9-13

1. As they came down from the mountain, what did Jesus tell them to do about the things they had seen? Mark 9:9a, b

2. For how long was this to continue? Mark 9:9c

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3. What part of Jesus' instructions did they especially not understand? Mark 9:10b

4. What did they do about this saying in the days which followed? Mark 9:10a

5. What question did they then ask Jesus? Mark 9:11

6. What was the first part of His answer to this? Mark 9:12a-c

7. But notice the second part of His answer: Mark 9:12d-f. What two things did He say it was written concerning the Son of Man, or the Messiah?

a. _____

b. _____

8. In concluding His answer, what did He tell the disciples? Mark 9:13a,b

9. What did He say they had done to him? Mark 9:13c

10. Of whom do you think Jesus was speaking? Mark 1:2-8 (See also Malachi 3:1a; Matthew 17:13)

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What did the transfiguration reveal about Jesus? Mark 9:7c

2. Am I fully convinced that Jesus is the supernatural Son of God? So convinced that I listen to all He has to say and seek to order my life accordingly?

JESUS' RETURN TO THE FOOT OF THE MOUNTAIN

Mark 9: 14—29

After Jesus and the three disciples, Peter, James and John, commonly called the "inner circle" of Jesus' apostles, came down from the mountain, they again joined the other disciples. Read now to see what they were doing, and how Jesus helped them:

A. The Nine Disciples' Problem: Read Mark 9:14-18

1. What two groups were with the nine disciples when Jesus and the three returned?

Mark 9:14

2. What three things did the people do when they saw Jesus? Mark 9:15

3. Whom did Jesus question first? Mark 9:16

4. But who made answer? Mark 9:17a

5. Whom had he brought to Jesus? Mark 9:17b

6. What did the evil spirit continually do to this boy? Mark 9:18a, b

a. _____

b. _____

7. What had the father told the disciples to do? Mark 9:18c

8. What was the result? Mark 9:18d
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B. Jesus' Solution to the Disciples' Problem: Read Mark 9:19-27

1. What did Jesus indicate had been the cause of this failure? Mark 9:19a

2. What did He tell the father to do? Mark 9:19b

3. What did the spirit in the boy do when he saw Jesus? Mark 9:20a

4. What did the boy do as a result? Mark 9:20b

5. When Jesus asked how long the child had had this problem, what was the answer?

Mark 9:21b

6. What did the father say the spirit had often done in the past? Mark 9:22a
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7. What did he then ask Jesus to do? Mark 9:22b

8. What did Jesus indicate the father must do firsts? Mark 9:23

9. What did the father then do? Mark 9:24a

10. What did he say? Mark 9:24b

11. What two things did Jesus then tell the spirit to do? Mark 9:25

12. What three things did the spirit then do? Mark 9:26a

13. What was the result to the child? Mark 9:26b

14. What did Jesus then do? Mark 9:27

C. The Secret of the Disciples' Problem: Read Mark 9:28, 29

1. When they were all in the house later, what did the disciples ask? Mark 9:28

2. What **two* things did Jesus say were necessary in such cases? Mark 9:29
(*in authorized King James version only)

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Why was Jesus able to do what the disciples could not? Mark 9:19, 23, 29

2. What seemingly impossible problem am I facing right now? Do I have the kind of faith that lays hold of God in earnest prayer that overshadows earthly matters such as food?

JESUS' RETURN TO CAPERNAUM

Mark 9: 30—50

After the incident at the foot of the mountain, Jesus and His disciples continued on their journey. Read now to see where they went, and what took place on their trip:

A. Jesus' Special Instructions to the Disciples: Read Mark 9:30-32

1. What did Jesus desire as they traveled back through Galilee? Why? Mark 9:30, 31a

2. What three things did he try to teach the disciples at this time? Mark 9:31b

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

3. What was the result of His teaching? Mark 9:32

a. _____

b. _____

B. The Disciples' Discussion Along the Way: Read Mark 9:33-37

1. After they had arrived in Capernaum, what did Jesus ask the disciples? Mark 9:33

2. What did the disciples do? Mark 9:34a

3. Why did they do this? What had they been discussing among themselves? Mark 9:34b

4. What did Jesus tell them a person must do if he would be first? Mark 9:35

5. What two things did Jesus then do with a child? Mark 9:36

6. What did He tell them a person was doing when he received one such child?

Mark 9:37a

7. And what was one doing when he received Jesus? Mark 9:37b

C. John's Question: Read Mark 9:38-41

1. What did John say they had seen as they traveled? Mark 9:38a

2. What had the disciples done, and why? Mark 9:38

3. What did Jesus tell him, and why? Mark 9:39

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4. What did He say was true of a person as long as he was not against them? Mark 9:40

5. For what very small service did Jesus say one would not lose his reward? Mark 9:41

D. Jesus' Special Warnings: Read Mark 9:42-50

1. Against what did Jesus especially warn the disciples? Mark 9:42a

2. What did He say would be better than to do this? Mark 9:42b

3. What three parts of the body did He mention which might cause offenses?
Mark 9:43, 45, 47

4. What did He say would happen to these parts of the body if they caused offenses?
Mark 9:43b, 45b, 47b

5. What did Jesus say are two great characteristics of Hell? Mark 9:44, 46, 48

6. With what command did Jesus close His talk to the disciples? Mark 9:50c

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Why did the disciples fail to learn what Jesus was trying to teach them?

2. Am I so occupied with my own thoughts and plans that I fail to learn what God is seeking to teach me? (See Matthew 6:33)

JESUS' TEACHING ON DIVORCE

Mark 10: 1—12

After completing His private tour during which He sought especially to instruct His disciples concerning coming events, Jesus left Galilee and traveled to another part of Palestine. Read now to see where this was, and what He did there:

A. Jesus' Journey: Read Mark 10:1

1. Into what section of Palestine did Jesus now travel? Mark 10:1a
(Locate this on a map. This section is commonly called Perea.)

2. What happened there? Mark 10:1b

3. Therefore, what did Jesus do? Mark 10:1c

B. The Pharisees' Question of Jesus: Read Mark 10:2

1. What did the Pharisees there ask Jesus? Mark 10:2a-c

Note: See Jeremiah 3:8 to discover what was meant by the term "put away" a wife.

2. For what reason did they ask this question? Mark 10:2d

Note: This area was ruled by Herod Antipas, who had married his brother Philip's wife (See Mark 6:17-19).

C. Jesus' Teaching Concerning Divorce: Read Mark 10:3-9

1. Did Jesus directly answer their question? Instead, what did He do? Mark 10:3

2. What question did Jesus ask them? Mark 10:3b

3. What was their answer? What had God's law, given through Moses in Old Testament times, allowed them to do? Mark 10:4

4. Read carefully Deuteronomy 24:1-4 which gives the original statement of this law. Was a person permitted to divorce for just any reason? What is the only stated reason? Deuteronomy 24:1b

5. But had divorce been in God's plan from the beginning? Mark 10:6 (See also Matthew 19:8b)

6. In the New Testament, for how many reasons did Jesus permit divorce? (See also Matthew 5:32, 19:9)

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7. Therefore, what is true of all others who divorce and re-marry? (See Luke 16:18)

8. For this reason, what three things should a man do? Mark 10:7, 8a

9. If he does this, what will be true of him and his wife? Mark 10:8b

10. With what command did Jesus close His public teaching concerning divorce?
Mark 10:9

D. Jesus' Further Teaching to the Disciples Alone: Read Mark 10:10-12

1. What happened when Jesus and His disciples had returned to the house? Mark 10:10

2. What two very definite statements did Jesus make to them after this?

a. Mark 10:11 _____

b. Mark 10:12 _____

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Did Jesus leave any room for doubt as to God's will concerning divorce for those who want to please Him? (See 1 Corinthians 7:10,11; Matthew 5:32, 19:9)

2. Do I wholeheartedly embrace Jesus' standards concerning divorce? If so, of what must I be *very* sure before I marry?

JESUS' ENCOUNTER WITH CHILDREN AND A RICH YOUNG RULER

Mark 10: 13—31

As Jesus continued His journey toward Jerusalem through Perea, two additional events took place. Read about these now, and notice the contrasts given between them:

A. Jesus and the Children: Read Mark 10:13-16

1. As Jesus continued His journey, what happened? Mark 10:13a, b

2. What did the disciples do about this? Mark 10:13c

3. How did Jesus feel about their actions? Mark 10:14a, b

4. Notice what He said about such children: Mark 10:14c-e

5. What did Jesus say one must do as a little child before he may enter heaven?
Mark 10:15 _____
6. What three things did Jesus then do with the children? Mark 10:16

B. Jesus and the Rich Young Ruler: Read Mark 10:17-22

1. How did one man approach Jesus? Mark 10:17a-c

2. What question did He ask? Mark 10:17d, e

3. Of what did Jesus remind Him? Mark 10:18

4. When Jesus quoted some of the ten commandments (Mark 10:19), what did this man say? Mark 10:20 _____
5. How did Jesus feel about this man? Mark 10:21a _____
6. What did He say to him? Mark 10:21b, c

7. What did Jesus tell the young man he should do? Mark 10:21
 - a. Mark 10:21 e, f (two items)

 - b. Mark 10:21j, k (two items)

8. What did Jesus promise would be the result of such actions? Mark 10:21g

9. How did the man feel at that saying? Mark 10:22a

10. What did he do? Mark 10:22b _____

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11. Why did he feel and act this way? Mark 10:22c

C. Jesus' Teaching Concerning Riches: Read Mark 10:23-31

1. What statement did Jesus then make concerning those who have riches? Mark 10:23

2. How did the disciples react to this statement? Mark 10:24a

3. What is it that makes it hard for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God?
Mark 10:24b

4. What is easier than this? Mark 10:25

5. How did the disciples feel about this saying? Mark 10:26

6. What did Jesus tell them? Mark 10:27

7. Of what did Peter remind Jesus? Mark 10:28

8. What did Jesus say those who had left earthly things for Him would receive?

a. Now? Mark 10:30a-c **Note:** A hundredfold means a hundred times.

b. In the world to come? Mark 10:30d

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Do you think this man ever entered the kingdom of heaven? Why? Mark 10:15

2. Am I willing, like a child, to place my trust in God, rather than in earthly possessions, trusting God to give me that which He sees fit both in this life, and in the life to come?

JESUS' INSTRUCTIONS TO THE DISCIPLES

Mark 10: 32—45

After the rich young ruler had turned away without following Jesus, Jesus and His disciples continued their journey toward Jerusalem. Study now about events on the way:

A. Jesus' Prediction to the Disciples: Read Mark 10:32-34

1. How did the disciples feel as they followed Jesus' lead toward Jerusalem?
Mark 10:32a-c _____
2. What did Jesus begin again to tell the disciples? Mark 10:32f-g

3. What four great events did He say would take place in Jerusalem?
Mark 10:33, 34
 - a. Mark 10:33a _____
 - b. Mark 10:33b (2 items)

 - c. Mark 10:34 (4 items)

B. A Special Request of Jesus: Read Mark 10:35-40

1. When did the disciples give a special request of Jesus? Mark 10:35

2. When he asked what they wanted, what did they request? Mark 10:37

3. What was Jesus' first reply? Mark 10:38a, b

4. What two questions did He then ask them? Mark 10:38c, d
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
5. What was their reply? 10:39a

6. What two things did Jesus say would happen to them? Mark 10:39b-d

7. Then what did He tell them about their request? Mark 10:40a

8. To whom did He say these positions of honor would go? Mark 10:40b

C. Jesus' Instructions to the Twelve: Read Mark 10:41-45

1. How did the other disciples feel when they heard the request of the two? Mark 10:41_ _____
2. Therefore, what did Jesus do? Mark 10:42a, b

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3. What two things did he say the rulers and great ones among the Gentiles did?
 - a. Mark 10:42c _____
 - b. Mark 10:42d _____
4. What did He next tell them? Mark 10:43a

5. What did He say one would be great among them must be? Mark 10:43b

6. What must one who would be chief among them be? Mark 10:44

7. Who had been their great example in such matters? Mark 10:45a

8. For what two purposes had He come? Mark 10:45b
 - a. _____
 - b. _____

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. For whom were James and John primarily concerned? For whom should they have been most concerned? Mark 10:43, 44 (See also Philippians 2:4)

2. Am I concerned about the things which will benefit me personally? Or am I concerned about the things which will bring the greatest possible benefit to others?

JESUS' VISIT TO JERICHO

Mark 10: 46—52

As Jesus continued His journey southward, He came to one of the great cities of Palestine. See now what happened as a result of His visit to this city:

A. Jesus' Journey Through Jericho: Read Mark 10:46

1. To what great city did they come in their journey? Mark 10:46a

2. Who accompanied Jesus as He went out of the city? Mark 10:46b

3. Who was sitting beside the highway there? Mark 10:46d

4. What was wrong with this man? Mark 10:46c

5. What was he doing beside the highway? Mark 10:46e

B. Bartimeus' Request of Jesus: Read Mark 10:47, 48

1. What did the blind man hear as the crowds approached him? Mark 10:47a

2. Therefore, what did he do? Mark 10:47b

3. What did he call Jesus? Mark 10:47c

4. What did he ask Jesus to do for him? Mark 10:47d

5. What did many in the crowd do? Mark 10:48a

6. But what did he do instead? Mark 10:48b

C. Jesus' Response to the Man's Request: Read Mark 10:49-52

1. What two things did Jesus do when He heard the man's request? Mark 10:49a

2. What message did the crowd then relay to the blind man? Mark 10:49b

3. What three things did the blind man do when he heard this? Mark 10:50

4. What did Jesus ask him after he came to Him? Mark 10:51a

5. What was his answer? Mark 10:51b

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6. What did Jesus tell him to do? Mark 10:52a

7. What did He say made the man well? Mark 10:52b

D. The Results of This Incident: Read Mark 10:52c, d

1. What happened to the man as a result of Jesus' words? Mark 10:52c

2. What did he do after this? Mark 10:52d

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Have I ever had a "disease" that made me "blind" in any way? (See 2 Corinthians 4:4, Ephesians 4:18) Was I concerned enough to cry out to God for His help?

2. Could Jesus heal spiritual blindness, as well as physical? (See 2 Corinthians 4:6)

Then Jesus Came

"One sat alone beside the highway begging,
His eyes were blind, the light he could not see;
He clutched his rags and shivered in the shadows,
Then Jesus came and bade his darkness flee.

When Jesus comes the tempter's pow'r is broken;
When Jesus comes the tears are wiped away.
He takes the gloom and fills the life with glory,
For all is changed when Jesus comes to stay."

Oswald J. Smith

JESUS' ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

Mark 11: 1—11

After Jesus passed through Jericho where He healed blind Bartimaeus, He continued His journey toward Jerusalem. Read now to see what happened as He reached that city:

A. Jesus' Approach to the City: Read Mark 11:1a

1. As Jesus approached Jerusalem from the east, what two small villages did He pass through? Mark 11:1a (Locate these on a map.)

2. Where were these villages located? Mark 11:1b

B. Jesus' Preparations for Entering Jerusalem: Read Mark 11:1b-7

1. Where did Jesus tell two of his disciples to go? Mark 11:1b, 2a

2. What did He tell them they would find there? Mark 11:2b

3. What were they to do with this animal? Mark 11:2c

4. What did He warn that someone might ask them? Mark 11:3a

5. What were they to answer? Mark 11:3b

6. What did Jesus say they would then do? Mark 11:3c

7. Did the disciples find the animal as Jesus had told them? Mark 11:4a

8. What happened as they began to loose the colt? Mark 11:5

9. What happened when they answered as Jesus had said? Mark 11:6

10. What did they place on the colt after they had brought it to Jesus? Mark 11:7a

11. What did Jesus then do? Mark 11:7b

12. Why would this be difficult? Mark 11:2b

13. What kind of animal was this? (See Matthew 21:2, 5)

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C. Jesus' Reception as He Entered: Read Mark 11:8-10

1. What two things did the people do as Jesus entered the city? Mark 11:8
 - a. _____
 - b. _____

2. What two groups accompanied Jesus as He entered? Mark 11:9a

Notice that both groups cried out, using the word "Hosanna," an expression of praise which had originally meant "Save, now, we pray."

3. On what two things did they especially pronounce their blessings? Mark 11:9, 10
 - a. _____
 - b. _____

D. Jesus' Activities After He Entered the City: Read Mark 11:11

1. Where did Jesus go after He had entered the city of Jerusalem? Mark 11:11a

2. What did He do there? Mark 11:11c

3. Then where did He go? Mark 11:11c

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Why did Jesus enter Jerusalem in such a spectacular way? (See Zechariah 9:9)

2. Do I want Jesus to be my King today? Do I realize what would be involved in having Him as King of my life? (See Romans 14:9)

JESUS' LESSON FROM THE FIG TREE

Mark 11: 12—14, 20—26

Jesus' entry into Jerusalem took place on Sunday, which we today call Palm Sunday--the first day in the week of Jesus' passion (strong feeling; in this case, suffering). After spending the night at Bethany, Jesus again entered the city of Jerusalem on Monday. Read now to see what took place on this day and the day following:

A. Monday Morning, on the Way to Jerusalem: Read Mark 11:12-14

1. How did Jesus feel after spending the night in Bethany? Mark 11:12

2. What did He see afar off? Mark 11:13a

3. What could He see from a distance that it had on it? Mark 11:13a

4. Since the fruit of the fig usually comes before the leaves, what did He hope to find on this tree? Mark 11:13b

5. Yet what did He find? Mark 11:13c

6. What was the probable reason for this? Mark 11:13d

7. Because the fig tree gave promise of fruit, but had none, what did Jesus say to it? Mark 11:14a

8. Who heard what He said? Mark 11:14b

B. Tuesday Morning, on the way to Jerusalem: Read Mark 11:20

1. What did they notice as they passed by the next day? Mark 11:20

2. Who was the first to remember what had happened and to speak out? Mark 11:21

C. Jesus' Lesson from the Fig Tree: Read Mark 11:22-26

1. What was Jesus' response to Peter's comment? Mark 11:22

2. What two things did Jesus say one might say to a mountain? Mark 11:23a
 - a. _____
 - b. _____

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3. On what two conditions did Jesus say he might have what he said? Mark 11:23b
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
4. On the basis of this statement, what did Jesus encourage the disciples to do when they prayed for things that they desired? Mark 11:24a

5. What promise did He give, if they would do this? Mark 11:24b

6. What else did He say they must be sure to do? Mark 11:25a

7. What would this make it possible for God to do for them? Mark 11:25b

8. What did He warn would happen if they did *not* do this? Mark 11:26

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. To whom were these promises given? Therefore, what would be true of their desires? (See Philippians 2:13; Mark 14:36; Romans 12:1, 2)

2. Am I a true follower of Jesus Christ? Are my desires such that I can have absolute confidence that God will hear and answer my prayers concerning them? (See 1 John 5:14, 15; James 4:2, 3)

Faith, Mighty Faith

"Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees, and looks to God alone;
Laughs at impossibilities and cries, 'It shall be done!'
And cries, 'It shall, it shall be done!'
And cries, 'It shall,, it shall be done!'
Laughs at impossibilities and cries, 'It shall be done!'"

Author Unknown

JESUS' AUTHORITY QUESTIONED

Mark 11: 15—19, 27—33, 12: 1—12

On Monday, after Jesus had spoken to the barren fig tree, He and the disciples went into Jerusalem. See now what happened there on that day and the next:

A. Events in the Temple Monday: Read Mark 11:15-19

1. What three things did Jesus do after arriving at the temple? Mark 11:15b,16
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
2. What did He say God's house should be? Mark 11:17a

3. But what had the Jews made of it? Mark 11:17b

4. Who heard Jesus' teaching? Mark 11:18a

5. Therefore, what did they do? Mark 11:18b

6. How did they feel about Jesus, and why? Mark 11:18b

B. Events in the Temple Tuesday: Read Mark 11:27-33

1. The next day, who again came to Jesus in the temple? Mark 11:27b

2. What two questions did they ask of Him there? Mark 11:28
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
3. On what condition did Jesus say He would answer their questions? Mark 11:29

4. What was Jesus' question to them? Mark 11:30

5. What did they realize would happen if they answered
 - a. "From heaven"? Mark 11:31

 - b. "Of men"? Mark 11:32

6. Therefore, what did they say? Mark 11:33a

7. So, what did Jesus tell them? Mark 11:33b

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C. Jesus' Parable to the Religious Leaders: Read Mark 12:1-12

1. After doing everything to make his vineyard fruitful, what did the owner do? Mark 12:1
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
2. At the season of fruit, what did he expect to receive? Mark 12:2

3. However, what did those in whose care he had left the vineyard do to his servants? Mark 12:3-5

4. Whom did He finally send to them? Mark 12:6a

5. What did He expect them to do? Mark 12:6b

6. But what did they do? Mark 12:7, 8

7. Therefore, what would the owner of the vineyard do? Mark 12:9

8. What did the religious leaders realize about this parable? Mark 12:12c

9. Therefore, what did they seek to do? Mark 12:12a

10. Why did they not do this? Mark 12:12b, d

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Did the owner of the vineyard have a *right* to expect fruits from it?

2. Who owns my life? (See Psalm 100:3b) Do I give Him the fruits He deserves from my life? (See 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20)

CONTINUED QUESTIONS IN THE TEMPLE

Mark 12: 13—37

Jesus' parable to the religious leaders touched off a series of very difficult questions. As you read, discover who asked these questions, what their motive was, and what was the outcome of the day's session:

A. The First Question: Read Mark 12:13-17

1. Who was first sent unto Jesus? Mark 12:13a

2. What was their purpose in coming? Mark 12:13b

3. What three statements did they make as they began their questions? Mark 12:14
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
4. What was their question? Mark 12:14d, 15a

5. Notice the trap in this question: Whom would Jesus offend if He answered "yes"? (**THINK!** Who did not want to pay taxes to Rome?)

"no"? (**THINK!** Who would require that these taxes be paid?)

6. Was Jesus aware of their purpose in asking this question? Mark 12:15b

7. Therefore, what did He ask them to do? Mark 12:15c

8. Then what did He ask them? Mark 12:16a

9. What was their answer? Mark 12:16b

10. Therefore, what did Jesus tell them to do? Mark 12:17a

11. What did they do after this most wise answer? Mark 12:17b

B. The Second Question: Read Mark 12:18-27

1. Who next came to Jesus? Mark 12:18a

2. The Sadducees were modernistic religious leaders of the Jews. In what Old Testament teaching did they not believe? Mark 12:18b

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3. In framing their question, what example did they give? Mark 12:19-22

4. What was their question? Mark 12:23

5. After rebuking them for their ignorance of the Scriptures and of God's power, what did Jesus say about resurrected people? Mark 12:25

6. What did Jesus then go on to prove to them? Mark 12:26, 27

C. The Third Question: Read Mark 12:28-34

1. What did one of the scribes (learned men who spent their lives studying and teaching the Old Testament law) then ask? Mark 12:28

2. From what source did Jesus' answer come? Compare Mark 12:29-31 with Deuteronomy 6:4, 5 and Leviticus 19:18b

3. What did the scribe say about Jesus' answer? Mark 12:32a

D. Jesus' Question of the Religious Leaders: Read Mark 12:35-37

1. Whose son did the scribes teach that the Christ would be? Mark 12:35

2. Yet, what else did Jesus prove from Old Testament Scriptures (Compare Mark 12:36 with Psalm 110:1) that the Christ would be? Mark 12:37

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Did Jesus' enemies at all succeed in their efforts to catch Him in His words?

2. Could enemies today ever catch God in an error in His Word—the Bible? Mark 13:31 (See also Luke 21:33; Matthew 5:18, 24:35)
