

Mark Chapter 11 Study Guide

“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

Mark 11:9

Instructions:

Take a moment to rid yourself of distractions. Slow your breathing down, and clear your mind. When ready, pray to God and ask him to give you insight into his word. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit for understanding while you read.

Read Mark 11:1-11

1. Read Mark 10:33. Where did Jesus tell his disciples they were going? What was going to happen when they arrived there?
2. In Mark 11:1, where were Jesus and his disciples?
3. What does Jesus instruct his disciples to go get? What does he do with it?
4. This might seem strange to us, but there was a prophecy in the old testament regarding this story. Read Zechariah 9:9. What does this prophecy say? What does this imply about Jesus?
5. What did the crowds do when they saw Jesus on the donkey? What were they shouting?
6. In other gospels and later in Mark Chapter 15, we know that the many crowds were in Jerusalem at this time to celebrate passover. What is Passover? Read Exodus 12 to help you understand this story.

Read Mark 11:12-14

1. What did Jesus do in this passage?
2. Does this story strike you as odd? Why or why not?

Read Mark 11:15-19

1. Jesus did many things once he entered the temple. What things did he do? (at least three)
2. What did Jesus say?
3. Read Isaiah 56:1-7 and Jeremiah 7:1-11. What do these passages say? These are books written by two of God's prophets speaking to the Israelites many years before Jesus arrived. The prophets were talking about what true worship looked like for the Israelite community. Why would Jesus cite these two prophets and passages here?
4. Do you think this is a judgement on the religious people of Jesus day? Why or why not?
5. How did the chief priests and teachers of the law react to this? What did they want to do?
6. Why did they want to kill him?
7. What did the crowds think about Jesus? (vs. 18)

Read Mark 11:20-26

1. What happens in this passage?

Read Mark 11:27-33

1. Read back through this chapter. How many days have passed since Jesus entered Jerusalem?
2. What groups came to question Jesus in this passage? What did they ask him?
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