



Monday: Mark 11:1-14

1. The Triumphal Entry occurred at the beginning of Passover week, and Jesus died on Passover. What does the celebration of the Passover look back to?
2. What was Jesus' mission as the Messiah, and what did the people want of their Messiah? (See also Mk. 10:33-34, 45)
3. In the OT, a fig tree was used to symbolize Israel's relationship with God. Even though it may not have been the season for picking figs, a healthy tree would have shown figs on the tree. What do you think is the lesson of the fig tree?
4. Missionary of the week: Pray for Tim & Patti Long as they train pastors at the seminary, support the planting of new churches, and teach at a special needs school in Mexico.

Tuesday: Mark 11:15-19

1. Jesus quotes from Isa. 56:7, but his accusation towards those doing business in the temple is from Jer. 7:11. What parallels can be drawn between Jer. 7:1-11 and this scene at the temple? (See Jer. 7:1-11)
2. The Jewish religious leaders prided themselves as being the "guardians" of God's law. How is their hypocrisy revealed, and who is the true "guardian" of God's law?
3. Why did the religious leaders fear Jesus?
4. Pray for the people in your Oikos or "5 for 5".

Wednesday: Mark 11:20-25

1. What was the result of Jesus cursing the fig tree, and what does it show about who Jesus is?
2. Taking a mountain and throwing it into the sea is a metaphorical way of saying to do what seems impossible. When we have faith in God, what are we trusting about who God is?
3. Followers of Jesus are to take on his ways and likeness. When are we to forgive, and why?
4. Pray for people where they work and live that they would honor God in all they do.

Thursday: Mark 11:27-33

1. This chapter of Mark shows the back and forth nature of Jesus coming in and going out from Jerusalem for his passion week. What do the religious leaders want to know?
2. What reveals the hard-hearted nature of the religious establishment in front of Jesus?
3. Who or what, do these religious leaders love most?
4. Pray for government leaders both locally and globally.

Friday: Mark 12:1-12

1. This parable is a continuation from yesterday's reading. Who is the man who planted the vineyard? Who are the tenants who were to watch over the man's vineyard? Who are the servants the owner sent? Who is the beloved son of the owner?
2. Jesus teaches the history of Israel's relationship with God, but it's also an inflection point of where things are headed. How is the parable both? (See also 2 Kings 36:11-16; Acts 1:8; 11:11-18)
3. Jesus grounds his parable in the messianic Psalms 118:22-23. What does Jesus want the religious leaders to understand about that Scripture?
4. Pray for family and friends.

Saturday and Sunday

Review what you read in Mark this week. Pray for those serving Christ faithfully and pray for the services on Sunday. Pray the prayer of 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13.