



Monday: Mark 12:13-17

1. The Herodians were a political group that looked out for the interest of Herod's family dynasty. How was Jesus different from the religious and political elites of his day? (vs. 14)
2. The Jewish people were heavily taxed by the Romans, so this is a fairly sensitive, or volatile issue. What is the trap these authorities are looking to set for Jesus?
3. What shows Jesus, though the rightful heir to the Davidic throne, was not in his first coming, looking to start a political revolution?
4. Missionary of the week: Pray for Turkish Connections International and Dr. Richard Freeman as they lead the planting of new churches throughout Turkey and sustaining strength for local pastors.

Tuesday: Mark 12:18-27

1. What did the religious group, known as the Sadducees, believe about everlasting life, and angels? (See also Acts 23:8)
2. What does Jesus say is faulty in their beliefs?
3. What will our earthly marital relationships be like in heaven?
4. Pray for the people in your Oikos or "5 for 5".

Wednesday: Mark 12:28-34

1. Jesus continues to receive challenges from the religious establishment, this time from the scribes. What is the question or challenge, put to Jesus?
2. What is the central four letter word, to Jesus' answer to the question?
3. The scribe recognizes his responsibility to love God and love others, but whose love is he missing? (See John 3:16; Rom. 5:8; 1 John 4:9-10)
4. Pray for people where they work and live that they would honor God in all they do.

Thursday: Mark 12:35-40

1. Jesus continues to challenge the false teachings of the religious establishment. Here Jesus references Psalms 110:1. What is the challenge Jesus puts forward about the identity of the Messiah?
2. What do you learn about the work of the Holy Spirit in the OT? (See also Acts 4:25-26)
3. How are the scribes generally speaking, different from the scribe who asked Jesus what the most important commandment is?
4. Pray for government leaders both locally and globally.

Friday: Mark 12:41-44

1. All of chapter twelve is taking place at the temple, during Jesus passion week. How is Jesus shown to be the Son of God in this scene?
2. What do these commands teach you about giving to God? (See 1 Tim. 6:17-19; 2 Cor. 9:7)
3. How are earthly values contrasted with kingdom values in this scene? How is the widowed woman shown to be living out the most important commandment?
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 Ephesians 1:15-20.