

Outline for Week 13 - Mk 11:27-13:37

Main Truth: Jesus is the Messiah who will judge and save when He returns.

1) Warnings to Religious Leaders Mk 11:27-12:12

Principle: Jesus judges people who reject His authority.

Application Questions: What biblical truth am I refusing to believe? What is my response to God's beloved Son, Jesus Christ? What truth in Scripture have I understood but rejected?

2) Charges Against Religious Leaders Mk 12:13-44

Principle: The Messiah is both God (David's Lord) and man (David's Son).

Application Questions: How would an audit of our checkbooks reveal our faith & obedience? How does my knowledge of Jesus give me delight and cause me to worship Him? Am I giving to God sacrificially or out of my "leftovers"?

3) Signs the End is Near 13:1-37

Principle: Earth & humanity are hurtling toward Christ's return.

Application Questions: What am I doing to spread the gospel to all parts of the world? How am I living today as though Jesus might come any moment? What am I doing now to prepare and warn a lost world for His coming?

1. In the parable of the vineyard owner, who did the various characters represent? What was the Jewish response to this story by Christ?
2. What was the trap the question concerning taxes was attempting to try and get Jesus to fall into? What do you think his answer tells us?
3. How do you "render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's"? What would that mean for us today?
4. What was Jesus' amazing response to the question about the resurrection?
5. Why do you think the poor widow caught Jesus' eye? What message was Jesus attempting to convey to his disciples through this incident?
6. How well are you living out the great commandment? What does it mean to love God with your heart, soul, mind, and strength?
7. According to Jesus what worldwide events will happen during the tribulation? What can followers expect of Christ during that time? How does Jesus describe his second coming in Mk12:24 - 27?
8. Take a look at Matthew 24:44 - 51. What does this passage in Matthew suggest will be the results of an eager watchfulness to the promised return of Christ or of a careless indifference?
9. What do you think it means to watch for Jesus' return? Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11. What does this passage from Paul add to your understanding of the end time events?
10. Read 2 Peter 3:10-13. Given the certainty of future events described in this passage and in the others that you have read, how believers should live in the present day?
11. Do Jesus' words about the end times comfort you? Or worry you?