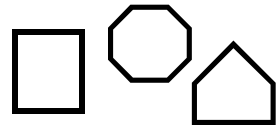


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***WHO IS THIS
JESUS***

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Lesson #1

Insights

Gaining an understanding of the basic concepts of this lesson.

- **“My Beloved Son”:**
One of the many bold declarations found in scripture, establishing the fact that Jesus truly was and is the Son of God. Deity announced!
- **“In The Wilderness”:**
This experience was to prepare Christ, as well as to confront Satan with the one who had arrived to overcome the death grip of sin.
- **“With Authority”:**
Jesus spoke with such a powerful authority that both the people and demons alike found themselves immediately impacted by the force of his words.
- **“All The City Was Gathered”:** This one statement alone helps to demonstrate just how powerful and magnetic the impact of Christ’s ministry was upon the people of his day.
- **“That I May Preach”:**
Jesus was a man who knew he was called to declare and demonstrate the good news of God, to all who would listen.

Perspective

A personal application statement, as it pertains to what I’ve learned

“When Christ came on the scene, it’s quite obvious that those he came in contact with were never the same again. Lord change me!”

Written By: James R. Palmer

Prepare yourself for an up close and personal look into the ministry of Jesus Christ as presented in the **Gospel of Mark**. Even though **Mark** is the shortest of the gospels, it presents a very vivid and picturesque view of the Son of God. **Get ready for an adventure full of intrigue and drama** as God’s Word reveals the only one who can bring hope and healing to those in need.

A MAN ON A MISSION (Mark 1:1-45)

- 1.) From the opening moments of Christ’s earthly ministry, it was quite evident this was no ordinary man. According to **Mark 1:11**, after Jesus had just been baptized by John, what did the voice of God declare openly for all to hear?

- 2.) Immediately after this announcement Jesus was ushered by the Spirit into the wilderness for a season of prayer and fasting. Who was it that came to tempt the Lord as seen in **verse 13**?

- 3.) After returning from his wilderness experience, one of the first things that Christ did was to enlist a core group of men to partner with him. In reference to the first four He chose, what was their life experience?

___ Ordained ministers
___ Bible school graduates
___ Fishermen
- 4.) According to **Mark 1:17**, what was their new calling? _____
- 5.) In Capernaum people noticed this Jesus of Nazareth was not like anyone they had ever met. In fact, the word quickly spread...

Mark 1:22 “...he taught them as one that had _____,”

Mark 1:27 “...with _____ commands he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.”
- 6.) After reading **Mark 1:32-34**, which verse reveals that the impact of Christ’s ministry in Capernaum was city wide?

- 7.) Was Christ as effective in other cities as well? Notice **verses 38 & 39**.

YES___ NO___

- 8.) By the end of **Chapter 1**, it appears the impact of Christ’s ministry was so great, he could no longer deal with the response of the people within the confines of the city streets. Where did Christ relocate?

- 9.) When Christ had to relocate away from the cities, what did the people do?

___ They became disinterested.
___ They couldn’t locate Jesus any longer.

___ They still came from all over to see Jesus.



Lesson #2

Insights

Gaining an understanding of the basic concepts of this lesson.

- **“Who Can Forgive Sin but God”:** The religious leaders knew that to accept Christ’s declaration of the man’s sins being forgiven, meant they would have to accept the fact that Jesus was the Lord from Heaven. This they were not willing or ready to do.
- **“Eats And Drinks With Publicans...Sinners”:** Christ demonstrated that it was necessary to associated or connect with the sinner to gain entrance into their heart with the gospel. In spite of the view of some, this was not the same as associating or participating in their sin.
- **“The Sabbath Was Made For Man.”:** The Sabbath had evolved into nothing more than a ritualistic day of rules and regulations, when initially the Sabbath had been established and designed for man’s rest and communion with God. A day to refresh and revive oneself in the presence of the Lord.

Perspective

A personal application statement, as it pertains to what I’ve learned

“No doubt the Devil is pleased when our rituals and religion become roadblocks to what God really wants to do in our lives!”

Written By: James R. Palmer

The beginning of Christ’s public ministry caught the attention of a wide variety of people, including a very concerned group of religious leaders. **Could it be they felt threatened by this man** who could accomplish more than just produce religious rituals and formal traditions?

A MAN OF CONTROVERSY (Mark 2:1-28)

- 1.) When Christ did return to the city of Capernaum, what unusual scene did He encounter which displayed how persistent the people were to be touched by Him? Notice **verses 1-5**.

- 2.) Now instead of Jesus immediately ministering to the man’s physical need, what did Jesus deal with first?

____ His financial needs ____ His emotional needs ____ His spiritual needs
- 3.) Did this go well with the religious scribes who were present? YES____ NO____
- 4.) How did Jesus handle this controversy? _____

- 5.) The first controversy was over what Christ had said. What was the second controversy about as recorded in **Mark 2:16**? Write this verse below.

“ _____

_____?”
- 6.) Did the Lord have a specific purpose why He spent time with sinners, or was this a flaw in His personal character?

- 7.) What two other complaints did the religious leaders have according to the information presented in **verses 23-28**?

* _____

* _____
- 8.) In either case, did Christ deny the benefits of fasting, or of setting aside a day for rest and worship?

YES____ NO____

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Lesson #3

Insights

Gaining an understanding of the basic concepts of this lesson.

- **“Unclean Spirits”:** Identifying the reality of demon spirits, which scripture reveals are used by Satan to deceive and afflict people all around the world.
- **“Thou Art The Son Of God”:** In spite of the opinions of those who apposed Christ, people bore witness of the fact that the satanic world knew and identified Christ as truly being the Son of God.
- **“Cast Out Devils”:** In preparing his disciples to do the work of the kingdom, Christ gave them the power needed to appose and even drive out any demonic spirits they would encounter.
- **“Beelzebub”:** A heathen deity, referred to as a prince or ruler among evil spirits.
- **“Blaspheme Against The Holy Spirit”:** The persistent, rebellious rejection of the Holy Spirit by one who knowingly does so without any hesitation or reservation, in spite of the consequences.

Perspective

A personal application statement, as it pertains to what I've learned

“How foolish it is to deny Christ, only to discover that demon spirits have more common sense!”

Written By: James R. Palmer

Now it seems very clear **Christ was either loved or hated** by those who he came in contact with. There was no middle ground. It is also quite evident Jesus had more on his mind than just getting high marks in the popularity polls. In fact, those who grew to despise him moved quickly to try to find a way to stop him dead in his tracks.

IS HE GOD OR DEVIL? (Mark 3:1-35)

- 1.) As you read the opening verses of **Mark 3**, what did the Lord do on the Sabbath that sent shock waves through the religious community?

- 2.) According to **verse 6**, what kind of response did these religious leaders decide was necessary to deal with this miracle worker?

“... how they might _____.”

- 3.) Yet, while all this was going on, how did the general public respond to Christ's ministry? Note **Mark 3:8**.

___ Eager to be near him! ___ Ready to kill him! ___ They ignored him!

- 4.) Look at **verses 10 & 11**, then answer the following statements below.

* Many were healed of a variety of illnesses. YES___ NO___

* Many were delivered from controlling demon spirits. YES___ NO___

* There was no doubt among the demons who Jesus was. YES___ NO___

- 5.) In fact, what did the unclean spirits do when they came face to face with Christ?

- 6.) At the same time demons were recognizing him as the Son of God, what conclusions did some of the religious scribes come to? **Verse 22**

That Christ himself was possessed by the prince of _____.

- 7.) Now let's look closely at Christ's response to their accusations. According to **Verses 23-26**, what did the Lord say to defend himself?

- 8.) Were the scribes walking on dangerous territory? YES___ NO___

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Lesson #4

Insights

Gaining an understanding of the basic concepts of this lesson.

- **“Went Out A Sower”:**
This particular parable helped to illustrate how people respond differently to the good news of God’s Word.
- **“Satan Comes Immediately”:** The first things Satan tries to do when people first hear God’s Word, is to somehow keep it from taking root in their life.
- **“Affliction Or Persecution”:** If a person does receive God’s Word, then Satan’s next tactic is to stir up opposition and ridicule from family and friends, in an attempt to quickly discourage them from continuing their walk with the Lord
- **“Choke The Word”:** Another tactic of the Devil is to advertise all of the attractive things this world has to offer; in an attempt to lure that person away from hungering and desiring the things of God
- **“Mustard Seed”:** A seed which is extremely small, yet yields a rather large plant.

Perspective

A personal application statement, as it pertains to what I’ve learned

“If I will allow the things of God to take root in my life, I can expect a bountiful harvest of success and victory!”

Written By: James R. Palmer

One of the predominate features of the ministry of Christ was **his use of stories or parables to convey truth**. The Lord had the unusual ability to verbally captivate the listener by painting a word picture in living color. As you read through **Mark 4**, notice the 3 parables the Lord shared and see if you can discover their meanings

A MAN OF PARABLES (Mark 4:1-34)

- 1.) Within the first parable of this chapter let’s take a look at some of the truths Christ presented to his followers.
 - * The **“seed”** that was sown spoke of _____.
 - * The **“way side”** spoke of _____.
 - * The **“stony ground”** spoke of _____.
 - * The **“thorns”** spoke of _____.
 - * The **“good soil”** spoke of _____.
- 2.) Here we see Christ illustrating the fact that people respond differently to the Word of God when it is presented?

YES___ NO___
- 3.) Also according to this first parable, what did Jesus teach about Satan?

- 4.) In the second parable, what did Jesus emphasize as the responsibilities of those who are a part of the Kingdom of God? Notice **verses 26 & 29**.
 ___ To sow the seed ___ To make the seed grow ___ To bring in the harvest
- 5.) Now in the third parable, when it comes to the appearance of the beholder, how does the seed of God’s Word appear in comparison to the end result produced?

- 6.) **Verse 33** clearly reveals Christ’s extensive use of parables during his ministry here on earth. Take the time to write this verse on the lines below.

- 7.) Is it true that Jesus sometimes used parables which were difficult to understand, only to cause the real seeker to ask further questions, allowing Christ the opportunity to sow even more seed into their lives?

YES___ NO___



Lesson #5

Insights

Gaining an understanding of the basic concepts of this lesson.

- **“Peace, Be Still”:** Jesus resolved this deadly crisis by literally commanding the winds and the waves to calm down completely.
- **“The Wind And The Sea Obey Him”:** Even nature itself is under the authority of Christ and must respond to his every command.
- **“Come Out Of The Man”:** The demon spirits that possessed the man in this passage were no match to the power and authority of Jesus Christ.
- **“Be Whole Of Thy Plague”:** Sickness and disease must go when brought in contact with Jesus Christ the Son of God.
- **“Damsel I Say Unto You, Arise”:** What a powerful demonstration that even the ultimate enemy of the human race is no match when coming face to face with Jesus, the life giver.

Perspective

A personal application statement, as it pertains to what I've learned

“After seeing that disasters, demons, disease and death are no match when confronted with the power and authority of Jesus Christ I'm totally convince the Lord can handle all my problems!”

Written By: James R. Palmer

Jesus Christ was not only a man known for his inspiring and challenging words. **He was also one who clearly demonstrated that his gospel was powerful in real life as well.** Imagine walking with Christ in the face of extreme difficulties and seeing him handle each problem with confidence and ease.

DISASTERS, DEMONS, DISEASE AND DEATH (Mark 4:35-41 & 5:1-43)

- 1.) Read **Mark 35-41**. What was Christ doing in the ship while everyone else was worried sick over the impending disaster at hand?

___ Rowing the boat ___ Abandoning ship ___ Sound asleep

- 2.) When he did wake up, how did Jesus handle the crisis according to **verse 39**?

- 3.) Did his actions make any kind of an impact? YES___ NO___

- 4.) Explain the horrible condition of the man mentioned in the opening verses of **Mark 5**.

- 5.) Now explain how Christ handled that situation? _____

- 6.) In **Mark 5:25-34**, what kind of a problem did the lady have who came to Jesus?

___ Toothache ___ Hemorrhaging blood for 12 years ___ Headache

- 7.) What happened to the woman even though she was only able to reach out and touch the edge of Christ's clothing? Write **verse 29** on the lines below.

- 8.) In the last incident recorded in this chapter, what was wrong with the 12 year old girl when Jesus finally arrived at her home?

___ Extremely ill ___ Had fully recovered ___ Already dead

- 9.) Was Jesus able to bring the girl back to life? YES ___ NO___

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Lesson #6

Insights

Gaining an understanding of the basic concepts of this lesson.

- **“Were Offended”:**
The people stumbled in their faith concerning Christ because they still related to him as the young carpenter’s son from their neighborhood, instead of the miracle working Messiah.
- **“And Began To Send Them Forth”:**
In this way Christ was able to expand his ministry outreach as well as give his followers first hand ministry experience.
- **“Was Moved With Compassion”:** The literal meaning in the Greek speaks of having “bowels of yearning”. The very sight of the masses of people thronging him for help caused him to personally long to meet their every need.
- **“They Knew Him”:**
As soon as people recognized that Jesus was in their area, the news would quickly spread, resulting in multitudes of people coming to be delivered and healed.

Perspective

A personal application statement, as it pertains to what I’ve learned

“Desperate people are always drawn to that which offers them hope, And Jesus is the giver of hope!”

Written By: James R. Palmer

By this time **word had quickly spread throughout all Israel** concerning the ministry of Jesus Christ. To those who lived in desperation, suddenly hope was on the horizon as they heard that Jesus was headed in their direction. Even in the face of skeptics who continually tried to dampen the enthusiasm being generated, the response of the people was optimistic and overwhelming.

THE GROWTH OF A MINISTRY (Mark 6:1-56)

- 1.) It seems some of the most skeptical people of Christ’s ministry were those of his own home area of Nazareth. In fact, when Christ came to minister to those who knew him well, what was their response as recorded in **Mark 6:3**?

“...And they _____ at him.”

- 2.) Because of this skepticism, was Jesus able to accomplish much among them?

YES___ NO___

- 3.) As the ministry of Christ began to grow, we notice that he began to commission his disciples to participate and partner in his efforts, so that more and more people would be reached. Before they were sent out, what does he give to fully prepare them for the work that lay ahead?

- 4.) According to **verses 12 & 13**, what 3 things were they able to accomplish as they spread out over the region, on their ministry journeys for the Lord?

- 5.) Now read **verses 30-44**, then answer the following questions below.

* Was Jesus able to get away from the masses of people for very long? _____

* What was Christ’s usual response when seeing the people? _____

* At this particular gathering, how many were present? _____

* What did Jesus use to feed them? _____

* **Verse 42** says: _____

* How do we know there was actually more than enough food to feed the multitudes present?

- 6.) After reading the closing verses of **chapter 6**, would you agree the ministry of Christ was making a huge impact wherever he went?

YES___ NO___

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Lesson #7

Insights

Gaining an understanding of the basic concepts of this lesson.

- **“An Unclean Spirit”:**
The young lady in question was plagued by an evil or demonic spirit.
- **“The Dogs”:** To the Jews, gentiles were seen as outcasts up to this point, but Christ displayed that the promises of God were not for Jews only.
- **“Be Opened”:** This should serve as a prime example of how powerful the word of the Lord really is when it comes to our problems in this life.
- **“Seven Baskets Left”:**
Jesus began with 7 loaves of bread and a few fish, only to end up with 7 baskets of leftovers; and that was after all had been fed.
- **“I See Men As Trees Walking”:** When the blind man began to see, things were a bit blurred at first.
- **“Saw Every Man Clearly”:** This man went from no vision, to 20 / 20 vision in just a matter of a few short moments.

Perspective

A personal application statement, as it pertains to what I've learned

“There is one thing I know for sure. When the Lord speaks to the disasters of this life, good things are just about to happen!”

Written By: James R. Palmer

In the opening verses of **Mark 7**, we find Christ once again confronted by religious leaders who were determined to find a way to discredit his ministry. **As always, there approach was to complain and criticize while Christ remained steadfast on ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of the people.** After pointing out that they were majoring on the traditions of men instead of the commandments of God, Jesus simply resumed his focus and continued his ministry.

ONE MIRACLE AFTER ANOTHER (Mark 7 & 8)

- 1.) In **Mark 7:24-30**, an unusual encounter takes place. Can you figure out why the Lord responded the way that he did when the mother asked him to deliver her daughter from the torment of a demon spirit?

- 2.) After the Lord's first response, did the mother show anger or did she wisely ask again, reasoning that surely the Lord would not leave her situation undone?

___ She became offended ___ She became angry ___ She asked again

- 3.) Because of her persistence and wisdom, Jesus delivered the girl from the demonic spirit.

YES___ NO___

- 4.) What was the next challenge Jesus faced as found in **Mark 7:31-37**?

- 5.) Notice the unusual manner in which Christ brought about healing. According to **verses 33 & 34**, what four things did the Lord do?

- 6.) The result was miraculous!

YES___ NO___

- 7.) In **Mark 8:1-9**, how many people did Christ feed from just 7 loaves of bread and a few small fish?

- 8.) Now read **Mark 8:22-26**, then answer the following questions.

* What was wrong with this particular individual? _____

* What did Jesus do? _____

* Did he see clearly at first? YES___ NO___

* What happened next? _____



Lesson #8

Insights

Gaining an understanding of the basic concepts of this lesson.

- **“And He Was Transfigured”:** Meaning to be changed or transformed. Christ was literally seen for a few minutes by his disciples in a glorified, supernatural state.
- **“The Rising From The Dead”:** The Lord’s continual reference about being raised from the dead was far beyond their ability to comprehend.
- **“And They Could Not”:** Christ’s disciples were unable to bring healing and deliverance to this young man even though Christ had sent them and empowered them to do just that.
- **“All Things Are Possible”:** Meaning that there are no obstacles in this life when faith in God is exercised.
- **“And The Servant Of All”:** The definition of greatness in the Kingdom of God is to live ones life ministering to the needs of others, from a heart of love and compassion.

Perspective

A personal application statement, as it pertains to what I’ve learned

“When serving the Lord, one soon discovers that the unusual becomes the usual when we allow God to get involved!”

Written By: James R. Palmer

Now even though Christ’s disciples were very close to him during his days of ministry on this earth, this did not mean they understood everything he said or did. **In fact, they were often extremely puzzled to say the least.** You might say that every day was a real adventure as they continued to follow after the Lord.

DAYS OF MYSTERY AND INTRIGUE (Mark 9:1-50)

- 1.) Notice **Mark 9:2-10**. While Peter, James and John were with the Lord on a high mountain, what happened to Christ’s appearance and what two other individuals came on the scene?

- 2.) What was so unusual about the appearance of Elijah and Moses?

___ They both lived hundreds of miles to the north.

___ They both lived hundreds of years earlier.

- 3.) At the end of this experience, what did Jesus say that puzzled his disciples? Notice **Mark 9:10**.

They kept wondering what he meant about _____.

- 4.) After reading **Mark 9:14-29**, name some of the terrible symptoms this young man suffered with.

- 5.) What was the source of these symptoms? _____

- 6.) Once again the disciples came to Jesus wondering why their efforts didn’t bring relief. According to **Mark 9:29** Christ explained that this kind of problem required some intensive preparation in prayer.

YES___ NO___

- 7.) Besides his resurrection, what other subject did Christ bring up from time to time which seemed to baffle his disciples?

___ Natural science ___ Modern medicine ___ Astronomy

___ His crucifixion ___ Human psychology

- 8.) It seems at every turn the Lord continued to stretch the understanding of his disciples by always sharing some of the most unusual responses to their comments and questions. What did Christ explain as the requirement for greatness in this life as recorded in **Mark 9:35**?



Lesson #9

Insights

Gaining an understanding of the basic concepts of this lesson.

- **“Never Shall Be Quenched”:** This is just one of the many times Christ clearly emphasized the reality of a literal place of eternal punishment for those who recklessly choose to continue in their sin.
- **“One Flesh”:** In God’s eyes, when a couple is married they become permanently united as one.
- **“As A Little Child”:** Children present a wonderful example of what it takes to live for God. An unending love and an absolute faith in God!
- **“Trust In Riches”:** The problem with prosperity is that so often it becomes the focus of attention and the object of security in place of God.
- **“With Persecutions”:** We must never forget in the midst of God’s blessings and favor, others will seek to refuse, accuse and abuse us because of our faith in Christ.

Perspective

A personal application statement, as it pertains to what I’ve learned

“Christ proclaimed that real truth presents clear boundaries and specific consequences, with God as the final authority!”

Written By: James R. Palmer

The bible reveals that when Jesus taught the people, his words were presented with great authority. Now almost 2,000 years later, the truths that he taught then are still making an impact today.

AN EXAMINATION OF TRUTH (Mark 9:38 — 10:52)

- 1.) Please take the time to study Christ’s teachings found in **Mark 9:38** through **Mark 10:31**, then place a true or false answer after each statement.

- * Misleading and mistreating children has severe consequences. _____
- * There is a literal place of judgment called Hell. _____
- * Marriage is a permanent commitment designed by God. _____
- * Divorce usually creates more problems then it solves. _____
- * Children should be brought to Jesus at an early age. _____
- * Covetousness is a major roadblock to those serving God. _____
- * For those who make God a priority, they will be blessed in this life and for eternity. _____

- 2.) It’s interesting to note the way that people responded to the teachings of Christ. Some accepted them and some rejected them. For some his teachings brought joy and to others his words brought conviction. After carefully examining each scripture reference below, write the response from those who were listening.

Mark 10:22 _____

Mark 10:24 _____

Mark 10:26 _____

Mark 10:32 _____

- 3.) Once again, what was one of the hardest truths shared by Christ, which was extremely difficult for his disciples to comprehend? Notice **Mark 10:33,34**.

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Lesson #10

Insights

Gaining an understanding of the basic concepts of this lesson.

- **“Hosanna”**: Meaning “Save!”, which was a declaration of praise announcing that they believed Christ was arriving on the scene to save the nation of Israel as the Messiah they had been looking for, for so long.
- **“House Of Prayer”**: A strong reminder to those who were only seeing the temple as a place of profit, instead of a place of prayer.
- **“Believe That You Receive Them”**: This is translated as being in the past tense. In other words, the prayer of faith declares that what has been requested is now done, even before it has been manifested visibly.
- **“By What Authority”**: In modern day terms, it would be like saying: “So who do you think you are anyway?” A statement to discredit the one being addressed.

Perspective

A personal application statement, as it pertains to what I've learned

“No wonder the scriptures declare Christ as the King of Kings, and the Lord of Lords. There is no one in all the earth who compares to Jesus, our Messiah!”

Written By: James R. Palmer

Even though there were those who had come to hate the Lord; there were many more who were extremely excited about this man called Jesus of Nazareth. In fact, they were beginning to sense that quite possibly he was the fulfillment of prophecy concerning Israel's Messiah. **It was at this point in Christ's ministry, when it appeared that some kind of a dramatic climax was about to take place.** All eyes were now focused to see what kind of move he would make next.

PRINCE, PRIEST OR PROPHET? (Mark 11:1-33)

- 1.) In **Mark 11:1-10**, Christ's entrance into Jerusalem was viewed by many as nothing less than royalty arriving on the scene.

* How did Jesus enter Jerusalem? _____

* What did the people do to display honor to the Lord? _____

* In **verses 9 & 10**, did the people say anything that would suggest they saw his entrance as a royal entrance?

YES___ NO___

- 2.) In **Mark 11:15-19**, Christ's actions seemed to display the authority of a priest as he challenged the people in the temple?

* What did Christ say the temple was to be? _____

* What did Christ say they had turned it into? _____

- 3.) In **Mark 11:22-26**, Jesus spoke prophetically to those around him at that time.

* What was the subject being discussed in this passage of scripture? _____

* The essence of his statement can be found in **verse 24**. Write the verse below.

- 4.) After all of this had taken place, who were the ones who came to appose the Lord and to challenge his authority?

___ Government officials ___ Legal experts ___ Religious leaders

- 5.) Was their confrontation successful? YES___ NO___

- 6.) In your own words, why do you think the religious leaders felt most threatened by the life and ministry of Jesus?



Lesson #11

Insights

Gaining an understanding of the basic concepts of this lesson.

- **“They Knew”:** The religious leaders were very much aware that Christ was referring to them, as those who were acting rebelliously in this parable.
- **“Tribute To Caesar”:** Whether or not to pay taxes was the topic of discussion at this point in time.
- **“No Resurrection”:** The Sadducees were a religious sect of Jews who rejected the idea of a bodily resurrection from the dead.
- **“Said The Truth”:** Even the scribe who came to test Jesus had to admit that Christ was presenting only the truth of God when he would speak to the people. No doubt about it!
- **“Beware Of The Scribes”:** Christ warned his followers to carefully discern the actions and motives of those who profess to follow God. Godliness is more than just talk.

Perspective

A personal application statement, as it pertains to what I’ve learned

“There have always been those who have attempted to discredit Christ and his Word, only to find themselves face to face with undeniable truth!”

Written By: James R. Palmer

Now the lines were clearly drawn concerning those who were his followers and those who were his enemies. **His adversaries desperately tried to find a way to publicly embarrass the Lord, in hopes of getting an advantage over him, destroying his public popularity.** The Question was: Could they find a weakness in his teachings to bring ruin to his reputation of one who spoke the truth?

RESPONDING TO THE SKEPTICS (Mark 12:1-44)

- 1.) Take the time to read the parable presented by Christ in **Mark 12:1-12**. In your own words, what was it Jesus said in this passage that made his enemies feel like he just might be referring to them?

- 2.) Notice that even the Bible reveals the intent of those who apposed him.

“And they send unto him, certain of the Pharisees and of the Herodians,
_____.” **Mark 12:13**

- 3.) There first trick question referenced whether the people should pay taxes to the Roman government, or give offerings to God. Either answer would have landed Christ right in the middle of a dangerous controversy and they knew it. What was the Lords response? Notice **Mark 12:15-17**.

- 4.) What was so strange about the Sadducees asking Christ a resurrection question, as seen in **Mark 12:18-23**?

___The complexity of the question. ___They didn’t believe in the resurrection.

- 5.) Not only did Christ answer their question in detail. He also confronted them with the God’s Word concerning their false teaching of no resurrection. After reading **Mark 12:24-27**, would you say the Lord’s answer was effective in turning the tables?

YES___ NO___

- 6.) What was the final question that one of the scribes presented, trying to derail the Lord in his public ministry?

- 7.) According to **Mark 12:34**, even his harshest critics seemed to realize they were no match for such displays of wisdom and authority. On the lines below, write the sentence from this verse that confirms that observation.

“ _____
_____ ”



Lesson #12

Insights

Gaining an understanding of the basic concepts of this lesson.

- **“Spikenard”**: An expensive ointment or perfume, commonly used in preparing a dead body for burial during Christ’s day.
- **“To Betray Him”**: This phrase strongly implies that Judas personally plotted to hand Jesus over to the chief priests.
- **“As It Is Written Of Him”**: During the Passover Feast Jesus makes reference to the prophetic writings of the Old Testament which had already announced his coming to be the Saviour, or sacrificial lamb for the sins of the whole world.
- **“Which Is Shed For Many”**: Confirming that the shedding of Christ’s blood on Calvary was for the divine purpose of establishing a new covenant between God and man.

Perspective

A personal application statement, as it pertains to what I’ve learned

“It seems quite clear that Calvary was more than just a horrible event of human history. Now we know it was God’s ultimate act of love and mercy, making it possible for sins to be forgiven and eternal life to be secured!”

Written By: James R. Palmer

Even though the ministry of Christ was touching the lives of many who were in desperate need of what he had to offer, **the Lord knew that Calvary was the real reason why he had come into this world.** In fact, from this point on it is evident that his focus was clear. He was about to become the ultimate sacrifice for sin and so final words and final preparations were now necessary.

WITH CALVARY IN VIEW (Mark 13 & 14))

- 1.) As the Lord begins to answer their questions about future happenings, notice some of the concerns he shares at this time. Read **Mark 13**, then choose the correct answers below.

* In **verses 5 & 6**, Christ warned them of being deceived. YES___ NO___

* In **verses 7 & 8**, Christ warned them of being fearful. YES___ NO___

* Did Christ announce that believers would be persecuted? YES___ NO___

- 2.) Of course the Lord shares some good news as well in this chapter. Beginning with what verse does the Lord unveil the fact that he will return to this planet someday?

Mark 13: _____

- 3.) After reading **Mark 14:3-9**, what explanation did the Lord give for the woman who poured the expensive ointment upon his head?

- 4.) Was the betrayal of Christ by Judas a premeditated act, or was he forced into it because of threats by the religious leaders? Notice **Mark 14:10**.

___ Acting under a threat of bodily harm ___ A personal premeditated choice

- 5.) As you study **Mark 14:12-21**, would you say it is quite clear that the Lord knew in advance who was going to betray him?

YES___ NO___

- 6.) While sharing the Passover Feast with his disciples, what reference did Christ make concerning his work on Calvary as he gave them the bread and the juice?

* In **Mark 14:22** the bread symbolized his broken _____.

* In **Mark 14:23,24** the juice symbolized his shed _____.

- 7.) For what purpose did Jesus go into the Garden of Gethsemane?

___ To sleep ___ To rest ___ To pray ___ To hide ___ To eat

- 8.) By the time it was over, **Mark 14:50** states:

A God Journey **WHO IS THIS JESUS**

Lesson #13

Insights

Gaining an understanding of the basic concepts of this lesson.

- **“Crucify Him”:** The Roman crucifixion was specifically designed to inflict the greatest amount of pain over the longest period of time. An extreme form of capitol punishment, usually lasting for a period of 36 hours or more.
- **“Forsaken Me”:** Because of the holiness of God, our sins being laid upon the life of Christ at Calvary, required that God the Father had to turn away from, and lift his presence from the Lord at that point in time.
- **“The Veil Of The Temple”:** The very moment of Christ’s death on Calvary, was the climactic event that removed the barrier of separation between God and those who would desire to experience God’s Presence. God used the tearing of the temple veil or curtain to illustrate this new reality.

Perspective

A personal application statement, as it pertains to what I’ve learned

“Christ willingly chose to experience the horrible impact of my sin, so that I can now have access to the Father. What an unselfish act of true love!”

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Yes the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ **is the climax of victory over sin and Satan** as recorded in God’s Word. This is the core of the gospel message. Because of what Christ accomplished on Calvary, and because of the reality of his resurrection, eternal life is now available to anyone who will receive Christ as Lord and Saviour.

IT IS FINISHED!!! (Mark 15 & 16)

- 1.) As you read the account of Christ’s trial, did he make any attempt at all to defend himself before his accusers?

YES___ NO___

- 2.) According to **Mark 15:16-20**, what acts of cruelty against Christ did the soldiers perform before they crucified him?

- 3.) Even after they crucified Jesus, what did many continue to do as seen in **Mark 15:29-32**?

- 4.) What statement did Christ make in **Mark 15:34** that shows how God the Father could not even look on the Lord because of the sins of the whole world now laid upon him during this act of atonement?

“...My God, my God, why _____.”

- 5.) According to **Mark 15:37,38**, what event took place that signified mankind now had direct access to God because of what Christ accomplished on the cross?

- 6.) In the final chapter of the book of **Mark**, does the Bible clearly show that Jesus did rise from the dead following his crucifixion, and that there were many who saw him following his resurrection?

YES___ NO___

- 7.) Now that the work of Christ was finished, what became the responsibility of his followers so that everyone could experience the free gift of salvation? On the lines below, write down the words of **Mark 16:15,16** to answer this question.
