

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 06 Dec.....Mark 1..... How Can Jesus Help Me?
- 2) 13 Dec..... Mark 2:1-3:6..... What does Jesus' call mean for me?
- 3) 20 Dec..... Luke 2..... Why did Jesus come?
- 4) 27 Dec..... Mark 3:7-6:6a..... Is God still working in the world?
- 5) 3 Jan..... Mark 6:6b-56..... How to be courageous
- 6) 10 Jan..... Mark 7:1-8:33..... How to develop your faith
- 7) 17 Jan..... Mark 3:1-6; 5:21-43; 10:13-16..... How to be Pro-Life
- 8) 24 Jan..... Mark 8:34-10:31..... How to get along with others
- 9) 31 Jan..... Mark 10:32-52..... How to be successful
- 10) 7 Feb..... Mark 11-12..... When your priorities are challenged**
- 11) 14 Feb..... Mark 13..... When you feel overwhelmed
- 12) 21 Feb..... Mark 14..... When you have difficult decisions
- 13) 28 Feb..... Mark 15-16..... When life is unfair

INTRODUCTION

- The power of prayer and the sanctity of God's house are addressed
- The wicked do not consider the consequences of their actions
- Is there SEX in Heaven? And is Prosperity Preaching legit?

Passage	Comments
Mark 11:1-12	Jesus enters Jerusalem • He rides on a colt according to Scripture
11:12-14, 20-26	The Fig Tree Parable → Have Faith in God • The key for getting God to move mountains is if it is first in His will to do so • The purpose of us praying is to align us with God's will • Even Jesus asked His Father to remove the cross from Him – if it be His will..... Mat 26:52 • ... and Paul could not get his thorn removed even after praying 3 times2Cor 12:7-9
11:15-19	Jesus casts out profiteers from the temple • Here are a few other tough treatments by Spiritual leaders • Phinehas runs a spear through a couple making loveNum 25:7-8 • Nehemiah threw Tobiah's furniture out of the temple Neh 13:8 • Nehemiah cursed, struck and plucked the hair off of Jews who had married foreign womenNeh 13:23-25 • God asks is there anyone who's got the guts to shut the doors to the temple to prevent false worship Mal 1:10
11:27-33	By what authority do you do these things? • Why didn't Jesus come right out and tell them that He got His authority directly from God? • Didn't Jesus command us to give to anyone who asks of us?Luke 6:30 • We have an exception principle – Do not cast pearls before swine Mat 7:6 • We are not obligated to give to those who would misuse whatever is given to them
12:1-12	Parable of the vineyard • v7 – the wicked become senseless as they seek to kill the heir falsely thinking they will inherit the land – how ludicrous of them • Wicked ones seldom think through the consequences of their actionsHag 1:5-7
12:13-17	• Rendering to Caesar

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12:18-27	Who's wife will she be? • The Jews missed some basic elements of their faith • They should have known better, especially that God's saints are ALIVE after their bodies die • They also missed the concept that Heaven will be SEXLESS (we are neither male nor female) • ... and that people rise from the dead, not some time in the future, but at the moment of death
12:28-34	• The greatest commandment
12:35-37	• How is Christ David's son?
12:38-40	• Hypocrisy
12:41-44	Widow w/ 2 mites • This story destroys Prosperity Preaching where tithing & obeying automatically guarantees health, wealth and wisdom Hab 3:17,18 • This woman's faith was like Job's (Job 13:15) – "Though He were to slay me, yet I will trust Him" • This passage also shows God is a God of percentages. Not even Bill Gates ever gave like this woman gave – 100%

CONCLUDING REMARKS

- Always consider the consequences of our actions (words, thoughts and doings)
- Never be afraid to pray big things for God – but realize we must be aligned with God's will for mountains to be moved

SUPPORTING PASSAGES

Hab 3:17,18 Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior.

NEXT WEEK:

- Mark 13 – Watch out for deception; Watch out for the end times; Watch for Angels; and Watch for the Son

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



The widow's gift would have never happened if she would have listened to the guy behind her, and invested in his multi-level-marketing plan. **Luke 21:1-4**