

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 02 Mar.....Proverbs 1:1-19..... Seek Wisdom's Ways
- 2) 09 Mar.....Proverbs 1:33-3:8..... Learn Wisdom's Benefits
- 3) 16 Mar.....Proverbs 8:1-9:18..... Listen To Wisdom's Invitation
- 4) 23 Mar..... Proverbs 10:11;12:17;18:21;25:26;31..... Guard Your Speech
- 5) 30 Mar.....10:11;13:14;19:20;22:24;26:28;21:27;28..... Don't be a Slacker
- 6) 06 Apr.....3:11;13:15;16:20;21:22;23:28;30..... Financial Responsibility
- 7) 13 Apr.....3:10;11:13;14:15;16:17;18:19;20:22;25:26;27..... Godly Friendships
- 8) 20 Apr..... **Mark 14:32 – 16:8..... Amazed by the Resurrection**
- 9) 27 Apr.....Proverbs 20:23;29:31..... Avoid Addictions
- 10) 04 May.....Proverbs 5-6..... Moral Purity
- 11) 11 May.....Proverbs 31:10-31..... Treasure Mothers
- 12) 18 May..... Song of Songs 1:1-5:1..... Righteous Romance
- 13) 25 May..... Song of Songs 5:2-8:14..... Invest in the Best

INTRODUCTION

These 3 chapters cover the last 8 days of Christ's 3 years on earth and consume 25% of Mark's Gospel

- **Chapter 14 – The Last Supper.** The last meal is eaten with some modest fanfare and sets off the final chain reaction – Judas gets ticked off over money issues and he opts to get what he can get by turning in Jesus
- **Chapter 15 - The Crucifixion.** Bad things happen to good people – Jesus is going to be illegally tried, mocked, scourged and crucified by the ones who needed him the most
- **Chapter 16 - The Resurrection.** No fanfare. Just the facts, and a lot of questions on the validity of the last 12 verses

Passage	Comments
Mark 14:1-11	<p>Anointing of Oil at Simon the Leper's house</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two people understood the significance of the moment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The woman who anointed Jesus for burial realized who He was and what was going to happen to Him – so she emptied herself and received eternal life 2. Judas' dream of a restored kingdom with a place of honor for him were gone – so he settled for what he could get – and got 30 pieces of silver
14:12-26	<p>Passover Meal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passover commemorated the last night under Egyptian rule for the Jews (14th day of the 1st month of the Jewish calendar (Nisan)) • v25. No more drinking wine till He drinks it new in the Kingdom of God – why is this significant?
14:27-42	<p>Gethsemane – Prayer should not be a last resort, but a first priority. Remember – The purpose of Prayer is to align us to the will of our Father and to give us strength to do God's will</p>
14:65	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possibly 100+ religious leaders vehemently and grossly spat on Jesus, soaking Him ~ "We hate you!" • They also struck Him vehemently & taunted Him
Mark 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A major cornerstone of our faith is Jesus' crucifixion – and it is only covered in 1 chapter
15:19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "They" (numerous soldiers) continued spitting & hitting
15:33-39	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v33. There was darkness from Noon to 3:00PM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ What caused the darkness? Eclipses only last minutes, not hours. Natural or Supernatural? • v34. How did the writer know it was 3:00 (9th hour) when Jesus died? They didn't have any clocks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Consider this: Every afternoon at 3:00, a temple priest blew a shofar. All Jews stood in silence at that sound, cause another priest cut the throat of the sacrificial lamb – the same time that Christ expired • v38. Veil torn in two. Was this Natural or Supernatural?

Passage	Comments
Mark 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The crux of our faith – the Resurrection – is only addressed in 1 chapter in Matthew, Mark & Luke • The Gospel of John covers it in 2 chapters
16:1-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Magdalene and friends visit the tomb to prepare Jesus' body for formal burial, but they flee the scene (This could be Mary's 2nd trip to the tomb) • According to John, Mary M. apparently was at the tomb while it was still dark and ran into the risen Lord
16:6-20	<p>Most reliable early manuscripts and other ancient witnesses do not include this passage. It is thought the last page of the original autograph was lost, but the correct text was edited back in</p>

Received Text Tradition. Since the majority of biblical manuscripts contain this passage then the original manuscript in all probability contained it.

Critical Text Tradition. Truth is not determined by a majority vote, but by the most qualified witnesses:

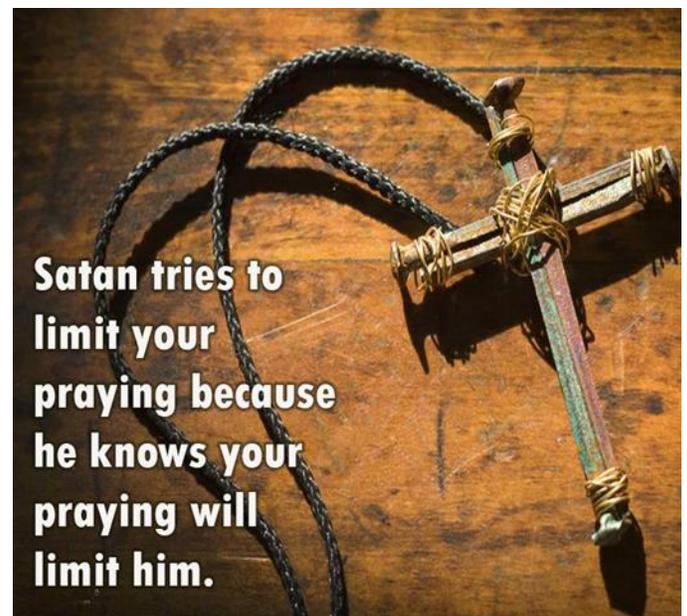
1. These verses are lacking in many of the oldest and most reliable Greek manuscripts
2. Many of the ancient church fathers reveal no knowledge of these verses
3. There is another shorter ending to Mark that is found in some manuscripts
4. The linguistic style and vocabulary are different from the rest of Mark

Conclusion of the Matter. This passage neither adds new truth nor contradicts any truth found in the Bible. Therefore it is a good exercise in linguistics and hermeneutics.

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- **More than coincidental** – Jesus was crucified on Passover, buried on Unleavened Bread, raised on First Fruits, and sent the Holy Spirit on Pentecost to begin gathering in Jews and Gentiles
- **But it's not over yet** – there are still 3 more Jewish Feasts, which Jesus may have explained to His 2 disciples walking to Emmaus – and we will have to cover in more detail in another lesson:

NEXT WEEK: Selected Proverbs. Teachings on addictions.



Satan tries to limit your praying because he knows your praying will limit him.