

5x5x5 Reading Plan

A Year Long Read Through the New Testament

Mark 11

- 1. In verse 14 Jesus curses a fig tree for not bearing any fruit and in verse 15 he drives "merchants" out of the temple, how do these instances serve as a warning to us today? (Read John 15:5-8 to understand the expectations of a follower of Christ)
- 2. How does the answer from the teacher of the law to Jesus's question (verse 33) reveal that they are only trying to hold their "religious ground" instead of trusting Jesus?

Mark 12

- 3. Verses 1-12 is known as the "Parable of the Tenants", how does this parable describe our sinful nature and humanity's core rejection of Christ?
- 4. Verses 13-17 are often used as a "pay your taxes" message, however, when we consider the question in verse 16, when we hold ourselves up and ask the same question, whose image is on us? Thus, we should give ourselves to whom?
- 5. What does Jesus himself say is the greatest commandment?
- 6. As chapter 12 concludes, what is so incredible about the widow's offering and how does this set an example for us?

Mark 13

- 7. When we read about the end time events and all that will occur, what should we be most focused on, actual signs, preparation, or faithfulness to the gospel?
- 8. How should we handle persecution?
- 9. The fact that no one knows the day or the hour is important. How does this spur us on toward faithfulness?

Mark 14

10. What can we learn from the woman that broke the alabaster jar for Jesus?

Mark 15

11. As we examine the story of Jesus's trial, crucifixion, death and burial, while a familiar story, what things happen that reveal the significance of Christ's death?

Next Week: Mark 11-15





