Journey Through Mark: Marvel At Jesus

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## I. Accessories

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Key Truth: Take The Lord Seriously The Parable Of The Tenants Mark 12:1-12 Hard-Hearted Humanity 1-9 Kind-Hearted God 10-11 Fear Of The Truth 12 

III. Caretakers And Ambassadors

Mid-Week Devotion (Take time to pray & respond to the following)

It's not uncommon to hear people express belief in God, a 'higher power,' or 'the big guy upstairs.' Assertions such as these are worthless if they are not supported by personal faith and commitment in the Lord Jesus Christ. People who make flippant, irreverent claims about God are often guilty of treating Him as an accessory to their lives rather than the foundation upon which life is to be built. These people commit the terrible sin of failing to take the Lord seriously. Do not be counted among them. God isn't mocked and He will hold each of us accountable as stewards of His creation and ambassadors of the Gospel.

God patiently leads and loves humanity. It is a sad reality that His kind-heartedness has frequently been ignored and outright rejected. Make no mistake however, His glory won't be denied, and His plan will be fulfilled. Jesus Christ is returning and He will establish His eternal Kingdom as His Word promises.

Do you marvel at Jesus? Does the contrast between humanity's hardheartedness and God's kind-heartedness prompt devotion to Jesus? Are there areas in your life where fear of the truth or an unwillingness to accept it, hinders your worship and service?

Prayerfully consider your inward attitude toward God and the outward portrayal of your relationship with Him. Ask the Lord to bring both in line with the truth of His Word. Invite Him to fill you with wonder and awe so that you truly can marvel at Jesus. Lastly, express your commitment to God in the coming year to be a faithful caretaker and ambassador for His glory.