



the **GOSPEL**
of **MARK**

Neither will I...

- The AUTHORITY question... #1 of 6
- If you do not see JB, you can't see Me!
- Fearing the crowds (32)
- Jesus leaves them in their denial of Him
- And teaches in parables...

The Vineyard

- The 'wicked workers' – prophetic: Isa 5
- God's Side:
 - God is generous – everything needed
 - Hedge; Winepress; Tower; Workers
 - God is trusting – Responsibility, freedom
 - God is expecting – Looks to HARVEST
 - God is hopeful – He sends His own SON

God's call

- Men have a choice to serve God/harvest
 - Personal and Global
- Israel had all that they needed to do this
 - What does this say to the church???
- The Plot against the “Owner”
 - How much worse than this??
 - Israel had certainly done this – long time!

Message of the Beloved

- The Son comes – putting all at risk?
- Trying to steal the inheritance?
- God **GIVES** us the Kingdom
 - Joint heirs with Him
- Concerning cornerstones – rejected?
 - **CHIEF**, standard!

Leaders see it... fear - #2 of 6

- Pharisees & Herodians –
 - These are the Religious elite...
 - Flatter with what they should be and are not!
 - True, impartial, teacher of righteousness...
 - Ambitious, deceived, closed minded
 - Lawful to pay tribute to Caesar?
 - Herodians say “Yes!”; Pharisees say “NO!”

Church vs. State

- Romans would charge Jesus with insurrection
- Seems like a “no win” for Jesus...
 - “yes” denies the sovereignty of God
 - “no” would mark Jesus for death by Rome
- “show me the coin which pays the tax”
 - Whose image? Whose inscription?



Jesus and the 'State'

- There is that which 'belongs' to "Caesar"
 - Rom 13 – honor, tax, custom, fear
 - BUT, those powers have limits!
- Render to God what belongs to GOD!
 - Eternal citizenship –
 - 'in' but not 'of' this world, do not love it!

Now: the resurrection #3 of 6

- Sadducees are the next to try: (3rd grp)
 - Ridiculous and scoffing context (2Pt 3:3ff)
 - Denies God's blessings and power
 - Levirate Law – Dt 25:5,6
 - Liberal and “enlightened” minds... POWER!
 - Pointed to the foolishness of afterlife
 - You err – scriptures and power of God (24)

Authority

- Scripture plainly teaches of an afterlife
 - Job 19:25ff; Dan 12:2; Ps 49:15; Jn 5:25ff
 - You don't know God's power! Weak gods...
 - Afterlife exceeds all earthly relationships
 - Perfected, eternal, spiritual, rewarding
 - Things will be very different....

A scribes question #4 of 6

- Experts in the 'letter', details
 - Recognizes Jesus' answer to Sadducees
- Greatest commandment?
 - Sabbath? Offerings? Rituals? Washings?
 - Love God first and supremely...
 - If you love Him, love His people

Scribe responds -

- “Right, Teacher...”
 - He amplifies and applies
 - “answered intelligently”
 - Not far from the Kingdom!
 - Love brings us to His love...
 - They stop asking questions

One more thing...

- Messiah David's Son?
 - Why Does David call Him Lord? Ps 110:1
- Thinking of Messiah as created is wrong
 - He is eternally existent, therefore GOD!
 - Jesus is making a plain claim to Deity
 - Common people hear this gladly