



The Gospel of Mark - Week Four

Confrontation and Commandments

Wednesday, July 8

6:30 PM-8:00 PM

Reading

Mark 11:1 – Mark 13:37

Opening Prayer

Questions to Consider

1. Jesus and his disciples have arrived in Jerusalem from Galilee. In Mark 11:15-17, Jesus stops the selling of animals and money exchange in the Temple. A similar story is told by Matthew and Luke. But in John 2:13-16, 30 years later, a more elaborate story is told in which Jesus calls the Temple “my Father’s house” and uses a whip to enforce his authority. Discuss.
2. The Parable of the Tenant Farmers (Mark 12:1-12) illustrates the outcome of evil and scheming. Discuss this parable and its meaning for today. Who are our evil tenants? What punishment do they receive?
3. Most of us know resurrection is described in Mark 12:18-27. Still some continue to teach that we will be with our spouses and family after resurrection, which is found nowhere in the teachings of Jesus. Discuss. What do you believe about resurrection? When will it happen?
4. In Mark 12:41-44 what happens to the widow who gives her last? How does she live?
5. We return to the “Little Apocalypse” in Mark 13:1-37. Believers since the time of Jesus have expected the end of time, with the arrival of the Son of Man to judge the world. It has yet to happen in spite of numerous predictions. Discuss. Will this world be destroyed and replaced? What is your belief about existence after death? Why do you have this belief?

What does this segment of Mark mean for me today?

Closing Prayer