

Mark / Chapter 11

Short Summaries

The disciples are with Jesus as he enters Jerusalem. He clears the temple and drives out the money-changers.

The 11th chapter of Mark's gospel tells of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and his Cleansing of the Temple.

Summaries

In Mark 11, Jesus enters Jerusalem and is welcomed by the people. He then goes to the temple and drives out the money changers. He returns the next day and is questioned by the religious leaders. Jesus teaches about faith and forgiving others. He also curses a fig tree and it withers away.

The book of Mark tells the story of Jesus Christ, from his humble beginnings as a carpenter's son to his tragic death on the cross. Along the way, we witness his miracles, his teaching, and his great love for humanity.

Application Questions

What did the authorities question Jesus about His claims of authority? (Mark 11:27-33)

What can we learn from Jesus' actions in curses a fig tree and clearing the temple courts? (Mark 11:12-26)

How did Jesus respond to the questions about His authority? (Mark 11:34-36)

What does it mean that Jesus is coming again "soon"? (Mark 11:45-51)

What does it mean for Jesus to come to Jerusalem as king? (Mark 11:1-11)

What do we learn from Jesus' parable about the widow and the unjust judge? (Mark 12:13-17)

How can we apply Jesus' instructions to pray in secret? (Mark 12:1-12)

What do we learn from Jesus' parable about the vineyard owner? (Mark 11:37-44)

Exegetical Questions

Why did Jesus clear the Temple courts?

What does the cursing of the fig tree in Mark 11:12-14 teach us about Jesus?

What does it mean that Jesus came to Jerusalem "as King"?

What is the meaning of the phrase "the house of prayer for all nations" in Mark 11:17?

What does the phrase "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father" in Mark 13:32 mean?

How should we interpret the sign of the fig tree in Mark 13:28-31?

What did Jesus mean when He said "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days" in Mark 14:58?

Who are the "sons of thunder" in Mark 3:17 and what is their significance?

Observation Questions

How did Jesus answer their questions?

What can we learn from this passage about Jesus' authority?

How did the people react when they saw Jesus coming?

How did the people in the temple react when Jesus cleared it out?

Why did the authorities question Jesus' authority?

What does it mean that Jesus came to Jerusalem as king?

When Jesus cursed the fig tree, what did it symbolize?

How did the authorities react to Jesus' answers?

Group Discussion Questions

How do you think the people in the temple felt when Jesus cleared the temple courts?

What do you think is the significance of Jesus' actions in the temple?

What do you think the fig tree represented to Jesus?

What do you think would have happened if Jesus had not cursed the fig tree?

What do you think would have happened if Jesus had not come to Jerusalem as king?

What do you think would have happened if Jesus had not cleared the temple courts?

How do you think Jesus felt when he cursed the fig tree?

Why do you think the people in the temple questioned Jesus' authority?