

Tuesday Evening Bible Study
Series #14: The Gospel of Mark
Session #7: Chapters 10 & 11
Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Outline

A. Part One: Who is Jesus? (1:1 – 8:26)

B. Part Two: Jesus is Revealed as the Messiah. (8:27 – 10:45)

1. First Passion Prediction Unit (8:27 – 9:29)

2. Second Passion Prediction Unit (9:30 – 9:49)

3. Interlude: Teachings on discipleship (10:1 – 10:31)

a. Teaching on divorce (10:1-12)

1. Deuteronomy 24:1-4 was not really a “command.”

2. Laws were one-sided.

- A man could give his wife a “certificate” for any reason.
- By Jewish law, women could not do the same, but they could by Roman law. (SP, 293)
- Purpose of marriage is lifelong mutuality and interdependence.
- *Synezeuxen* = συν *syn* ‘same’ + ζευγειν *zeugein* ‘join’ (ζευγος *zeugos* ‘yoke’)

b. Jesus receives children (10:13-16)

- Children were also marginalized in this society.
- Mark: *παιδια paidia* = children of any age, infancy to 12
c.f. Luke: *βρεφη brephē* = infants

c. The Rich Man and teaching on wealth (10:17-31)

- Camel → eye of a needle is hyperbole. Some manuscripts have tried to blunt the hyperbole by substituting *καμilon kamilon* ‘rope’ for *καμηλον kamēlon* ‘camel’

4. Third Passion Prediction Unit (10:32-45)

a. Jesus foretells his death and resurrection a third time (10:32-34)

- Impossible not to “go up” to Jerusalem
- Psalms 121-134 “Songs of the Ascent”

b. The request of James and John (10:35-45)

C. Transition: The Healing of Blind Bartimaeus (10:46-52)

- Jericho is 15 mi. NE of Jerusalem, 5 mi W of the Jordan River, 6 mi. N of the Dead Sea. Herod the Great had a winter palace (Masada) nearby.
- Large crowd may have been other pilgrims headed for Jerusalem for the Passover.
- Compare this story to the healing of the blind man in 8:22-26.

D. Part Three: How is Jesus the Messiah? (11:1 – 16:8)

1. Two Kingdoms in Conflict (11:1 – 12:44)

a. The triumphal entry into Jerusalem (11:1-11)

- 11:7 – fulfills Zechariah 9:9
- Hosanna – transliteration of Heb. *hoša‘-na* ‘save, please’

- b. Jesus curses the fig tree (11:12-14)
 - Fig trees had leaves by Passover
 - Micah 7:1 – metaphor for God’s hunger and Israel’s infidelity
- c. Jesus cleanses the temple (11:15-19)
 - Isaiah 56:7
 - The last straw!
- d. Jesus’ authority is questioned (11:27-33)
 - *Exousia* = authority, power
- e. *The Parable of the Wicked Tenants (12:1-12)*
- f. *Jesus is questioned about paying taxes (12:13-17)*
- g. *Jesus is questioned about resurrection (12:18-27)*
- h. *Jesus is questioned about the commandments (12:28-34)*
- i. *Jesus is questioned about his identity (12:35-37)*
- j. *Jesus denounces the scribes (12:38-40)*
- k. *The Widow’s Mite (12:41-44)*
- 2. *Eschatological Discourse (13:1-37)*
- 3. *The Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Messiah (14:1 – 16:8)*
- E. *Appendix: Alternate Endings of Mark (16:9-20)*

Themes to look for

- 1. Revelations of the Messiah.**
- 2. Proof of the Messiah**
- 3. Discipleship**

Resources

Notes from HarperCollins Study Bible (NRSV), 1989

“The Gospel of Mark” in *Sacra Pagina*, Daniel J. Harrington, ed. (Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, 2008)

John R. Donahue, “Mark,” in *HarperCollins Bible Commentary*, James L. Mays, gen. ed. (San Francisco: HarperCollins Publishers, 2000)