

# QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OF MARK 11 & 12 (MAY 5)

## CHAPTER 11—PREP FOR DEFEAT, AND GLORY ⇔ YESHUA GOES TO 212<sup>0</sup>

- Q Why did Jesus the Christ select a colt on which to ride into Jerusalem?
- Q What was the crowd's reaction? So what? What did they mean by yelling out "Hosanna?" And, "Blessed" is the one who comes by the authority of the Lord?
- Q What's the deal with the fig tree? (verses 13-14; 20-21)
- Q Why was the Christ angry about what was happening in the temple courts?
- Q Why were the enemies of the Christ afraid of Him? Why are they not now afraid? [e.g., why are many *politically* conservative politicians afraid of *morally* conservative voters?]
- Q Why was the question about the nature of John the Baptizer's baptism a theological hot potato?
- Q What condition did Jesus the Christ place on Father God forgiving us? Why? Was He serious? (verse 25) How can that "act" be a condition for forgiveness? I thought it was all up to Him, not us...



Pick 2

## CHAPTER 12—PENULTIMATE CHARGES TO HIS INDICTMENT ARE ADDED

- Q Why did Yeshua begin to speak in narrative form (verses 1-12)? Was He successful in getting His message across? How do you know His message "works?"
- Q Jesus taught that we are to give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to give to God what is God's. What is not Caesar's? And, what is not God's?
  1. For example, to what extent are we to tolerate Nero-like behavior in our political leaders?
  2. And, what if our Nero-like leaders do some good things—like keep all the barbarians out of the northern reaches of the empire?
  3. Do we owe part of our fealty to Caesar, but not all? And part of our fealty to God, but not all?
- Q Why were the Sadducees concerned about this Jesus of Nazareth being "Messiah?" What was the point of their interrogative?
- Q Why is the Shema ("Hear") the greatest commandment given by the Lord our God? (verses 29-34) Remember what we learned about Joshua 10:14 (compare the NIV to NET)
- Q Why was the crowd "delighted" with Jesus' analysis of David's opening to Psalm 110?
- Q Why do most commentaries warn us that we do have to sell all we own and follow Jesus? (see verses 10:21 and 12:41-45)

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### YOUR ASSIGNMENT?

Pick two questions from each list and be ready to lead an exploration of Holy Spirit's message to us as together we study Mark's record in what we call chapters 11 & 12.