THE GOSPEL OF MARK

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FOLLOWING JESUS

Mark 11:27-12:12 Overview

- ❑ The Jerusalem showdown
- ❑ Jesus, who put you in charge?
- ❑ Israel – People of God
- ❑ God will have fruit from His people

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The Jerusalem showdown

- ❑ Jesus the King enters Jerusalem
- ❑ Jesus the Prophet laments the spiritual condition of Israel
- ❑ Cursing the unfruitful fig tree
- ❑ Jesus the Priest cleanses the Temple
- ❑ The way of righteousness received or rejected

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Malachi 3:1 "Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming," says the LORD of hosts.

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Mark 11:27-30 And they came again to Jerusalem. And as He was walking in the temple, the chief priests, and scribes, and elders came to Him, [28] and *began saying to Him, "By what authority are You doing these things, or who gave You this authority to do these things?" [29] And Jesus said to them, "I will ask you one question, and you answer Me, and then I will tell you by what authority I do these things. [30] "Was the baptism of John from heaven, or from men? Answer Me." [31] And they began reasoning among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say, 'Then why did you not believe him?' [32] "But shall we say, 'From men '?"-- they were afraid of the multitude, for all considered John to have been a prophet indeed. [33] And answering Jesus, they said, "We do not know." And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."*

Jesus' Messianic/Kingdom Authority

- ❑ Jesus *taught* with authority
- ❑ Jesus has authority over the *evil spirit world*
- ❑ Jesus has authority over disease
- ❑ Jesus has authority to forgive sins
- ❑ Jesus has authority over the Sabbath, Temple
- ❑ Jesus has authority over death

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Jesus, who put you in charge

- The leaders outright challenge Jesus' authority to cleanse the Temple
- Hearers but not doers (Matt. 21:28-31; James 1:22)
- Rejecting the prophet's call

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Mark 12:1-12 And He began to speak to them in parables: "A man planted a vineyard, and put a wall around it, and dug a vat under the wine press, and built a tower, and rented it out to vine-growers and went on a journey. [2] "And at the *harvest time he sent a slave to the vine-growers, in order to receive some of the produce of the vineyard from the vine-growers.* [3] *"And they took him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed.* [4] *"And again he sent them another slave, and they wounded him in the head, and treated him shamefully.* [5] *"And he sent another, and that one they killed; and so with many others, beating some, and killing others.* [6] *"He had one more to send, a beloved son; he sent him last of all to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'* [7] *"But those vine-growers said to one another, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours!'* [8] *"And they took him, and killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.* [9] *"What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the vine-growers, and will give the vineyard to others.* [10] *"Have you not even read this Scripture: 'The stone which the builders rejected, This became the chief corner stone;* [11] *This came about from the Lord, And it is marvelous in our eyes '?"* [12] *And they were seeking to seize Him; and yet they feared the multitude; for they understood that He spoke the parable against them. And so they left Him, and went away.*

Israel – People of God

- Adam then Seth – The Adamic Covenant
- Noah then Shem – The Noahic Covenant
- Abraham then Isaac then Jacob then the Twelve Tribes of Israel – Abrahamic, Mosaic, New Covenants

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Israel – People of God

- God – Creator and Provider of His People
- God – Owner and Master of His People

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God will have fruit from His People

- The Kingdom of God is for fruit producers (Matt. 21:43)
- We are God's cultivated field (1Cor. 3:9)
- The Fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23)

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Mark 2:1-12 IMPACT

- ❑ Confronted to abhor and avoid rejection of Jesus' Lordship
- ❑ Challenged to fruit bearing
- ❑ Own and appreciate accountability to God

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