



Coin of Tiberius, AD14-37, AR Denarius. Bust rt/ PONT MAXIM, 'Livia' seated rt. as Pax holds branch, SR567. This is the "Tribute Penny" **These coins would have been in circulation throughout Jesus' adult life. This would have been the coin he held for his "render to Caesar" response.**

<http://www.historian.net/coins.htm>

Right: Brooklyn Museum - The Pharisees and the Herodians Conspire Against Jesus (Les pharisiens et les hérodiens conspirent contre Jésus) - James Tissot; between 1886 and 1894

The Gospel of Mark

Jesus' Manhood, Motion, and Mission

Day 1 – Summarize chapter 12:1-27

Welcome

Welcome the Holy Spirit into your time of study with prayer; write it here:

Read the Chapter

Read chapter 12:1-27 in one sitting. Try to summarize each event briefly; I stick with 10 words or less to help me keep to the main point. Write your text divisions on the left and your summaries in a sentence to the right.

Day 2 – The Parable of the Tenants

Who is whom?

Let's examine the symbols in this parable. See if you can identify the significance of:

The owner:

The vineyard:

The tenants:

The servants who were to collect the harvest:

The son/heir (note the affection of the father):

The stone/capstone:

Look back at chapter 11 to find out to whom Jesus was speaking: What insight do you receive from verse 12 about who they were, and what their intentions were?

Day 3 – The Meaning

Jesus at home in His mission

What do you think the parable meant? Briefly summarize it here:

Jesus spoke so plainly about what was happening. HE was the heir; HE was going to be killed; HE was the capstone that was rejected. He seems quite sure of this, and actually at ease. What do you think about this?

Since Jesus came into Jerusalem, certain leaders have felt a lot of fear. Trace 11:18 to 11:32 to 12:12. Why all this fear?

Day 4 – Heart in the Right Place

Taxes...and our hearts?

Look how the Pharisees and Herodians try to flatter Jesus, who remains unimpressed. How does Jesus call them out on their hypocrisy? Are you bold enough to do that?

Jesus helps the people understand that Caesar's system and God's system are completely different. He is so wise! What does Jesus' perfect answer teach you about your heart attitude toward things of this world, and systems of this world?

Look up 1 John 2:15-17 and write it here. Reflect on these verses for the rest of the day. Come back later in the week and re-write it in your own words.

Days 5, 6 – Truly Understanding the Scriptures

The Set-Up

The Sadducees' belief that there was no resurrection invalidates their question. They didn't care about the answer; they just wanted to oppose Jesus, trip Him up, trap Him.

Jesus accuses them of two points of error or disbelief in verse 24; write them here:

Work your way through verses 26 and 27. What does He mean, "God of the living"? How can He consider Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as alive?

Are you alive to God, in an eternal relationship with Him? That relationship starts on earth and continues beyond death into eternity, through faith in Jesus. Give Him thanks if you are His! worship Him as the God above and beyond time, who was, and is, and is yet to come!

Extra: find the Scripture reference for "Before Abraham was, I Am!" _____

Summarizing: Jesus vs. Religious Systems

Who pounced on Jesus in 11:27?

Who in 12:13?

Who in 12:18?

Draw some conclusions as you notice the trend of who opposed Jesus.

As church-goers, we can be religious, rather than Christian. Seek God, asking Him to make your relationship with Him real at a heart-and-soul level. Write a prayer to Him below: