

## Lab Study Guide Downtown Winter 2019

### With Jesus in Jerusalem According to the Gospel of Mark



Date: 1.20.19

Teacher: Ben

Text: Mark 10:32-34

Any other Text?: Mark 8:31-33, 9:30-32, Eph 3:14-21

Main Idea or Desired Application:

1. **Read the Text Together** Read the Text for this week out loud with your group.
2. **Make Observations** What stands out? What phrases caught your attention?  
Any repetition, contrasts, comparisons?
3. **Ask Questions** What is confusing or hard to understand? Any details that might be important?  
Ask: who, what, where, when, why, how?
4. **Background Information**

Mark 10:32 - Jesus and disciples are on their way UP (south) to Jerusalem. Why up?

The phrase "Up to Jerusalem" occurs 23 times in the text and it's always regardless of the direction from which one came, people always "went up" to Jerusalem. Part of the UP to Jerusalem is geography. The Topography of the land is as such that Jerusalem is up on a mountain. The other reason people went up, is because it was considered a holy, major city.

Here's a very brief history of some significant events that took place in Jerusalem.

- Abraham and Isaac – on Mount Moriah in Jerusalem
- David – after killing Goliath becomes King and establishes his capital in Jerusalem.
- Solomon, David's son builds the 1<sup>st</sup> Temple – God's house
- Jerusalem and Temple Destroyed in 586BC by the Babylonians
- Jerusalem and Temple rebuilt by Ezra/Nehemiah. Temple was God's house. Where he lived. Where people would go to meet with God.
- Herod the Great rebuilt and expanded Jerusalem as a major Greco-Roman city capital. Became one of the most beautiful cities in the Eastern Mediterranean world. Expanded Temple. God's house was massive. It dominated the city, not a small church in the corner somewhere.

In the OT, God told all of his people to go to Jerusalem 3x a year. Feast of Tabernacles, Feast of weeks/Pentecost, Passover. Passover is the holiday that remembers God sparing his people in Egypt during the final plague before their escape from slavery in Egypt.

Population of Jerusalem at the time of Jesus was ~ 100,000. The temple was visited by hundreds of thousands, maybe even a million pilgrims every year who came from all over the world. Jerusalem was an international city. Jesus and the disciples are on their way up to Jerusalem because Passover is coming, but Jesus knows his journey to Jerusalem this time is unlike all the other times he visited for Passover.

## 5. Application Questions

1. where would you want to go and why?
2. Jesus foretells his death for the third time (Mark 8:31-33, 9:30-32, 10:32-34). Why do you think Jesus tells his disciples this is coming three different times? Jesus stayed the course going up to Jerusalem knowing his death was imminent. Why is it so hard for us to stay the course when difficult things are in front of us?
3. Mark 10:32 says those who were walking with Jesus were amazed and those who followed were afraid. When have you followed Jesus and been amazed? When have you followed Jesus and been afraid? Is it possible to be both amazed and afraid at the same time? If so, how?

## 6. Have everyone answer....

What is something new you learned about Jesus this week from this story?

