

Mark 12

Parables, Ploys, Probings, Priorities, Prophecies, and Pennies

Please read Mark 12:1-12

1. Chapter 11 ended with the authority of Jesus being questioned. Here, chapter 12 opens with the telling of a parable. A parable is a short, simple story that illustrates a moral or spiritual lesson. What is Jesus saying through this parable?

Please read Mark 12:13-27

2. Jesus entered Jerusalem on the 10th of Nisan, the same day families selected their Passover lambs, symbolizing Him as the perfect Lamb of God. This event allowed Him to be inspected by the people for four days before His crucifixion, paralleling the tradition of choosing a lamb for sacrifice (Exodus 12:3-6). As the religious leaders begin to inspect and scrutinize Jesus on this holy week, what does Jesus teach them about the resurrection?

Please read Mark 12:28-34

3. Jesus pointedly sums up the whole law and gift wraps it for His hearers. "Love God and love people." Let's record some of the other summaries the Bible provides for us.

Scripture	Summary
Mark 12:30-31	Love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength; Love your neighbor as yourself.
Isaiah 56:1	
Isaiah 66:2	
Amos 5:6a	

Micah 6:8	
Ecclesiastes 12:13	
Matthew 6:33	
Galatians 5:6	
1 Timothy 1:5	
James 1:27	

Please read Mark 12:35-40

4. What is Jesus teaching about Himself in relation to King David from Psalm 110:1?

Please read Mark 12:41-44

5. It is obvious that Jesus is not impressed by the amount of money one gives. What does impress Him? Please find another scripture to share that reflects your answer.

Mark 12 Highlight: Love God with ALL of your “very muchness”; Love all the people, too!