

# Calvary Chapel Cajon

## *Women's Bible Studies*

### Mark 11

### Lesson 10

Jesus and His disciples have finally arrived in Jerusalem. As Jesus entered the city, riding on a colt, He was met with praise and adoration from the people. The scribes and chief priests, however, sought how they might destroy Him. Neither praise nor scorn seemed to faze Jesus as He continued to press on towards the cross that was set before Him. May the Lord bless your study as you begin this journey of Jesus' last days before His death.

#### DAY ONE: Read Mark 11

1. Read through this week's verses using both your Observation Worksheets and another Bible translation or paraphrase. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they were about?

2. How would you title this chapter? Record your title on the **Chapter Titles Chart**.

3. At the right-hand side of the same chart are columns labeled **Key Word** and **Symbols**. They have been provided for you to record the key words and the symbol you have chosen to represent each one. Record the key words listed below and their symbols on the chart.

*God, Jesus, immediately/as soon as, faith, believe(s), forgive, and any references to religious leaders*

New to this lesson: *authority*

Now, using the symbols you have chosen, mark each of the key words each time they are used in Mark 11. Remember, as you mark the key words *Jesus, God,* and the religious leaders, to mark any personal pronouns that refer to them.

4. Scan the many references to Jesus in this chapter. List five things revealed about Him.

5. The contrasting word *but* is used seven times in Mark 11. Choose one of those times and record what is being contrasted and the significance of the contrast.

## DAY TWO: Read Mark 11:1-11

1. In preparation of entering Jerusalem, Jesus gave two of His disciples an assignment. What was it?
  - a. If Jesus would have given these instructions to you, what questions do you think you might have asked Him?
  - b. Record the answer they were to give when asked *Why are you doing this?*
    - 1.) Often we ask God that very same question. What are some of the answers He has given you?
      - a.) What is helpful to know about God to accept an answer from Him such as "The Lord has need of it?"
2. Mark 11:4-7 records what happened next. How did the disciples' experience match what Jesus said?
  - a. What affect do you think this had on the disciples' faith?
3. Using Mark 11:8-10, describe the response of the people as Jesus entered Jerusalem on the colt.
  - a. Read Luke 19:38-40 and record the Pharisees' response to the peoples' praise.
  - b. *Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that comes in the name of the Lord.* Refer to the prophesy of Ezekiel 34:23-24 and record God's promise.
  - c. What do you think the people were expecting Jesus to do?

1.) How do you react when it appears that Jesus has failed to meet your expectations?

a.) What would God have you do when you are disappointed in Him?

**DAY THREE: Read Mark 11:12-19**

1. Mark 11:11 tells us that Jesus *went into Jerusalem and into the temple, returning to Bethany. The following day, He was hungry.* What did He do?

a. What did Jesus say to the *fig tree*?

1.) The fig tree had leaves but no fruit. In what way does this challenge you to have a life that not only looks good, but is producing fruit?

2. When Jesus arrived in Jerusalem He went to the temple. He *had looked all around* the temple, the prior day (verse 11). We see in verses 15-17 Jesus doing something about what He saw. What did He do?

a. What did He *teach*? verse 17

1.) Jesus was quoting from Isaiah 56:7 and Jeremiah 7:11. What do these verses say?

3. In what ways can the church today be guilty of committing the same violation?

a. What can you personally do to be sure you are honoring God's intentions when you come to church?

4. Rather than humbly receiving Jesus' correction, what did the *scribes and chief priests* do? verse 18
  - a. What do the following proverbs teach us about receiving godly *rebuke*?
    - Proverbs 1:23
    - Proverbs 10:17
    - Proverbs 15:32

**DAY FOUR: Read Mark 11:20-26**

1. The following morning, Jesus and His disciples returned to the *fig tree*. Describe its condition.
2. Jesus used the *fig tree* as an illustration about faith. Record His teachings by filling in the blanks.
 

Have \_\_\_\_\_ . verse 22

Whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does \_\_\_\_\_ in his heart, but \_\_\_\_\_ that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. verse 23

Whatever things you ask when you \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and you will have them. verse 24

Whenever you stand \_\_\_\_\_, if you have anything against anyone, \_\_\_\_\_ that your Father in heaven may also forgive your trespasses. verse 25

If you do not \_\_\_\_\_, neither will your Father in heaven \_\_\_\_\_ . verse 26

  - a. Summarize what Jesus has told us to do and the results of our obedience.
3. What do you think is the relationship between *faith* and *forgiveness*?
4. What do you think is the connection between God's *forgiveness* of us and our *forgiveness* of others?
  - a. How does this prompt you to be sure there is no unforgiveness in your life?

## DAY FIVE: Read Mark 11:27-33

1. As Jesus was *walking in the temple, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders came to Him*. What did they say to Him?
  - a. Jesus countered with a question of His own. What was it?
    - 1.) What did the religious rulers *reason* that limited their ability to answer Jesus?
      - a.) How can the fear of man cripple us from an honest answer?
      - b.) In your own words, explain Proverbs 29:25.
      - c.) What is the antidote to the fear of man?
2. Because the religious rulers did not answer Jesus, He refused to answer them saying, *Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things* (Mark 11:33). What do you think prompted them to question Jesus' authority?
  - a. Read Malachi 2:7. How had the religious rulers failed to observe God's intentions for them?
3. Using the following verses, describe Jesus' authority:

John 5:27

John 12:49

John 17:2 (note: *Him* refers to Jesus)
4. In what ways do human authorities challenge God's authority?
  - a. How can we ensure that we follow God's authority rather than the "authorities" who challenge His Word?

5. What does this passage tell us about Jesus' attitude toward people who reject His authority?
  - a. What could you learn from Jesus' example in this episode about dealing with people who try to trick or discredit Christians?

### **DAY SIX: Review Mark 11**

1. What did you learn from Day Two about obedience?
2. Although the meeting place of the church is just a building, what occurs inside the walls is important to God. In what way have you been challenged about your attitude while you are in church?
3. How does unforgiveness hinder our prayers?
4. The religious rulers chose to challenge Jesus' *authority*. Why do you think they found honoring His authority unbearable?
  - a. When do you struggle with honoring God's *authority*?
    - 1.) Consider God's authority over your life. What is the "downside" of not honoring His *authority*?
    - 2.) What is the "upside" of honoring His *authority*?
5. How have you been challenged by this lesson?

*...Have faith in God.*  
- Mark 11:22

## Chapter Eleven

<sup>1</sup>Now when they drew near Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples; <sup>2</sup>and He said to them, *"Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring it."* <sup>3</sup>*And if anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it,' and immediately he will send it here."* <sup>4</sup>So they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door outside on the street, and they loosed it. <sup>5</sup>But some of those who stood there said to them, "What are you doing, loosing the colt?" <sup>6</sup>And they spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded. So they let them go. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it. <sup>8</sup>And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' <sup>10</sup>Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" <sup>11</sup>And Jesus went into Jerusalem and into the temple. So when He had looked around at all things, as the hour was already late, He went out to Bethany with the twelve. <sup>12</sup>Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. <sup>13</sup>And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. <sup>14</sup>In response Jesus said to it, *"Let no one eat fruit from you ever again."* And His disciples heard it. <sup>15</sup>So they came to Jerusalem. Then Jesus went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. <sup>16</sup>And He would not allow anyone to carry wares through the temple. <sup>17</sup>Then He taught, saying to them, *"Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it a 'den of thieves.'"* <sup>18</sup>And the scribes and chief priests heard it and sought how they might destroy Him; for they feared Him, because all the people were astonished at His teaching. <sup>19</sup>When evening had come, He went out of the city. <sup>20</sup>Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. <sup>21</sup>And Peter, remembering, said to Him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away." <sup>22</sup>So Jesus answered and said to them, *"Have faith in God. <sup>23</sup>For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. <sup>24</sup>Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. <sup>25</sup>"And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. <sup>26</sup>But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."* <sup>27</sup>Then they came again to Jerusalem. And as He was walking in the temple, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders came to Him. <sup>28</sup>And they said to Him, "By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority to do these things?" <sup>29</sup>But Jesus answered and said to them, *"I also will ask you one question; then answer*

*Me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things: <sup>30</sup>The baptism of John--was it from heaven or from men? Answer Me."* <sup>31</sup>And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>32</sup>But if we say, 'From men' "-- they feared the people, for all counted John to have been a prophet indeed. <sup>33</sup>So they answered and said to Jesus, "We do not know." And Jesus answered and said to them, "*Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.*"