# The Gospel of Mark

## Lesson 8

## Jesus' Last Week in Jerusalem

As Jesus continued toward Jerusalem, He continued to teach His disciples about His upcoming crucifixion and resurrection, but Mark writes that "they did not understand this statement" (9:32). Instead, they were more interested in Jesus setting up the kingdom of God, and who would be the most important of them in the kingdom (9:34). As they ascended up to Jerusalem (10:32), Jesus again taught them about His crucifixion adding more details of how He would be mocked, spit on, and scourged (10:34); yet still James and John could only selfishly request that they sit at His right and left in the kingdom (10:35-38).

## Read Mark 11

1. On what became Palm Sunday, what did Jesus send His disciples to do in Mark 11:1-7? What prophecy did that fulfill (Zachariah 9:9)?

2. What did the crowds do to celebrate the king's arrival? What messianic Psalm did they sing (Ps 118:26)?

3. Where did He go in Jerusalem to "look all around" (Mark 11:11)? What did Jesus do there the next day in Mark 11:15? What problem did Jesus have with the priests and scribes (11:17)?

4. Since the religious leaders were very upset with Jesus, what question did they ask Him the next day (Mark 11:27-28), and how did Jesus answer?

5. During the "passion week" before His crucifixion, Jesus taught in the area of the Temple during the day. Which leaders came to ask Him questions, and what was their motivation (Mark 12:13, 18,28)?

6. What profound parable did Jesus teach that indicted and convicted the religious leaders in Mark 12:1-12? What was their response (12:12)?

7. What was Jesus' awesome teaching on the relationship of church and state in Mark 12:14-17? How did He confound the Sadducees concerning the resurrection from the dead (12:18-27)?

8. After they finished their questions, what question did Jesus ask them concerning the deity of the Messiah (Mark 12:35-37)? How was David, a thousand years before, able to write such a thing (Mark 12:36)?

#### Read Mark 13

9. At the end of the day, Jesus and His disciples left the Temple and the city on the east side, crossed the Kidron Valley and ascended the Mt. of Olives where He typically stopped to teach His closest disciples. As they were looking down on the awesome sight of the massive stones of the Temple, shining white marble, gold and bronze plated doors and windows; what prophetic statement did Jesus make about the Temple Mount complex (Mark 13:1-2)? What three questions did the disciples ask Him (Matthew 24:3)?

10. What awesome and amazing signs will occur when Jesus Christ returns in all His glory (Mark 13:24-27, Isaiah 13:9-11, Zech 14:1-7)?