

# Mark 11-13 Review Study

## Discuss

What did you find most difficult or confusing in these chapters?

## Introduction

- Warning!

Section	Command
1:1-4:34	Listen
4:35-8:30	Believe
8:31-10:52	Follow
11-13	Be on guard/Stay awake



"Be on guard" (Gk. blepete) - 12:38; 13:5, 9, 23, 33.

"Stay awake" - 13:33, 35, 36.

## 11:1-25 - The surprise verdict of judgment

- The expected unexpected king is here! (v1-10)

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation is he,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*

*Zechariah 9:9*

- Massive anti-climax! (v11)
- Temple judged! (v12-21)

<sup>9</sup> Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known, <sup>10</sup> and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, 'We are delivered!'—only to go on doing all these abominations? <sup>11</sup> Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes?

Jeremiah 7:9-11

- How to respond to a message of judgment: don't worry, trust God! (v22-25)

## 11:27-12:44 - The reason for judgment

### Discuss 12:1-12

What do each of the following details represent?

- The Vineyard (see Is. 5:1-7 if you're struggling)
- The Owner
- The Tenants
- The Servants
- The Son
- The Builders
- The Cornerstone

What is Jesus therefore saying will happen to:

- Him?
- The Jewish leaders?
- The people of God?

How does all this relate to what is happening in this section?

Note: "they feared the people" - 11:32; 12:12.

## 12:28-44

A good scribe commended (12:28-34)

Bad scribes exposed (12:35-37)

Bad scribes exposed (12:38-40)

A good widow commended (12:41-44)

## Ch13 - The timing and the signs of judgment

So far...

11:1-25 **What:** Judgment

11:27-12:44 **Why:** Fake worship, rejecting the Son

Ch13 adds two more questions:

"**When** will these things be and **what will be the sign** when all these things are about to be accomplished?" Mark 13:4

**Note:** Jesus speaks about two similar events:

1. The destruction of the temple in AD70 (13:5-23)
2. A final day of judgment to come (13:24-27; 32-37)

**When = no-one knows - but soon!**

### Signs (or 'not-signs'!?)

v5-13 = the time before AD70 = a picture of the time before Jesus returns

- Disasters
- Pretenders
- Persecution

## Discuss

What do you think it would look like for a Christian to fail to stay awake?

What do you think is the bigger danger for you?:

- Becoming a religious pretender
- Being led astray
- Giving up because of pressure from the world
- Not "staying awake"

How has this section helped you appreciate Jesus more?