



## The Book of Mark

Session 10: Mark 12:28-13:37

Jesus takes from the greatest commandment to being watchful for the end times. All of this chapter will give us a glimpse of his prophetic words of the temple and to be watchful of the sky.

Our goals for this week:

1. We want to understand the meaning of the greatest commandment and its application for us today.
2. To be gracious in our going to the Lord.
3. To get a better understanding of the end time, and to be watchful every day.

Question: What does the word “Messiah” mean to you?

Messiah: The promised deliverer to the Jewish nation.

Read: Mark 12:28-34

Which is the most important? Jewish rabbis counted 613 individual statutes in the law. Jesus takes their 613 down to 2.

Question: It’s a call to love. How do you love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and your strength?

Jesus says to love God and to love people.

Question: How are you loving on people? Do you watch for moments?

Read Mark 12:35-40

The Messiah’s lineage would come from King David. Naturally, they thought the Messiah would be like David. They still think that way even today.

Question: Jesus says the coming Messiah was more than a descendant of David. He was David’s Lord. Why do you think it was so important for the teachers of the law to understand this? Describe Lordship from your point of view.

We see Jesus speaking hard truth to the teachers of the law that were wanting to be men of importance.

Question: What is the fallacy of wanting to be looked on with importance, wanting the best seat and having self-seeking admiration?

Read Mark 12:41-44

Giving out of wealth as to poverty. The poor widow gave from her means. The sustaining life of what she had. She gave from her heart.

Question: Have you ever given from the point of sacrifice? Think deep into this question.

Read Mark 13:1-37

Only two verses account for the physical destruction of the temple built by King Herod. Herod's temple was destroyed in A.D. 70. This was the fulfillment of prophecy in Mark 13:1&2 and Matt. 24:13. The people of Israel were scattered throughout the nation until the close of WWII.

Question: How does this encourage you to believe in the fulfillment of prophecy?

Jesus says in verse 7, "When you hear of wars and rumors of war, don't be alarmed".

Question: Without doubt there is a war brewing, but don't be anxious. Why would Jesus tell his disciples not to be anxious? What events in the news make you anxious?

Be on your guard. He was telling his disciples to be watchful.

Question: In what ways do we need to be on our guard today? Are you spiritually ready for what might come?

Watchful to the sky. Jesus is coming in the clouds. Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will never pass away.

Watchful means to be watching or observing someone or something closely.

Question: What is Holy Spirit asking you to be watchful for in your own life?

Your assignment: As men we are called to be watchful in leading our families. Step into those places of leading, praying, and showing kindness to your family.

Next week: Session 11. Read Mark 14:1-72