

Mark 12:28-13:23

1. Review

12:28-34

1. Who asks Jesus this question?
2. Is the scribe disposed towards or against Jesus?
3. How would verse 33 fit in with what we have said earlier about the fig/tree and the Jews?
4. “You are not far from the kingdom of God” what is the scribe missing? Is this a play on words by Mark?

25-37

1. A son of David could be in the line of David and be a man and be a king but Jesus points out that David called the messianic King Lord. How is it possible to call a son your Lord? Maybe the messiah is more than just an earthly king?

38-44

1. Why are scribes so dangerous? Do they seem to have faith? How does this compare with Matthew 13:24-43?
2. Is this story really about just the widow or is there more here? Who can give everything they have?

13:1-2

1. We see the disciples are focused on the wrong things again.

2. Jesus is concerned about his followers' preparedness and response, not about figuring out God's plan.

3-13

1. Who asks Jesus this question?
2. What is Jesus describing in verses 5-8?
3. Are verses 9-13 for everyone?
4. What are the disciples supposed to be concerned about?

14-23

1. "The abomination of desolation standing where he ought not to be"
 - a. Dan 11:31; 12:11
 - b. Josephus tells us that the brigands (in Nov. of 67 A.D.) to flaunt their power over the people elected appointed a high priest by lots, instead of the hereditary families. The lot fell on a man named Phanni who Josephus described as "a man not only not from the chief/high priests but not even understanding clearly at any time what the high priesthood was, on account of boorishness" and later "Indeed upon dragging him unwillingly from the area/countryside, they proceeded to dress him up as on a stage in another guise, putting on him the priestly clothing and teaching him what it was necessary actually to do at the proper time".
2. How does Jesus describe what is going to happen?