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The Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God

- ▶ Who He is and what did He do?
- What does it mean to me?

Outline of Mark

- 1. The beginning: Mark 1:1-13
- 2. The ministry of Jesus: Mark 1:14-10:52
- 3. The work of Jesus: Mark 11:1-16:8
- 4. The continuation: Mark 16:9-20

The ministry of Jesus Mark 1:14-10:52

- ► Life of Christ, part 1 His Person (1:4-8:26)
 - Calling and sending disciples
 - Miracles of healing
 - Miracles of sovereignty
 - Revealing the purpose of God
 - ♦ Sabbath controversy
 - ♦ Parables of the Kingdom
 - ♦ Gentile inclusion

Opposition

The ministry of Jesus Mark 8:27-29

"Whom do you say that I am?"

The ministry of Jesus Mark 1:14-10:52

- ► Life of Christ, part 2 His work (8:30-10:52)
 - For Himself: Mark 10:45
 - For His disciples: Mark 8:34

A Primer on Discipleship Mark 8:30-10:52

- ► Mark 8:31 Glory and Weakness
 - Christian paradox
- ► Mark 9:30-32 Greatness:
 - a child
 - servant of all
- ► Mark 10:32-34 Greatness:
 - suffering
 - slave of all

Lesson outline:

- ► Blind Bartimaeus Mark 10:46-52
- ► Triumphal entry into Jerusalem Mark 11:1-11
- ► The lesson of the fig tree Mark 11:12-26

Blind Bartimaeus Mark 10:46-52

- Two miracles of healing the blind
 - Unnamed blind man healed in 2 parts (Mark 8:22-26)
 - Bartimaeus healed
- One question asked twice
 - "What do you want Me to do for you?" (10:36)
 - "What do you want Me to do for you?" (10:51)

Blind Bartimaeus Mark 10:46-52

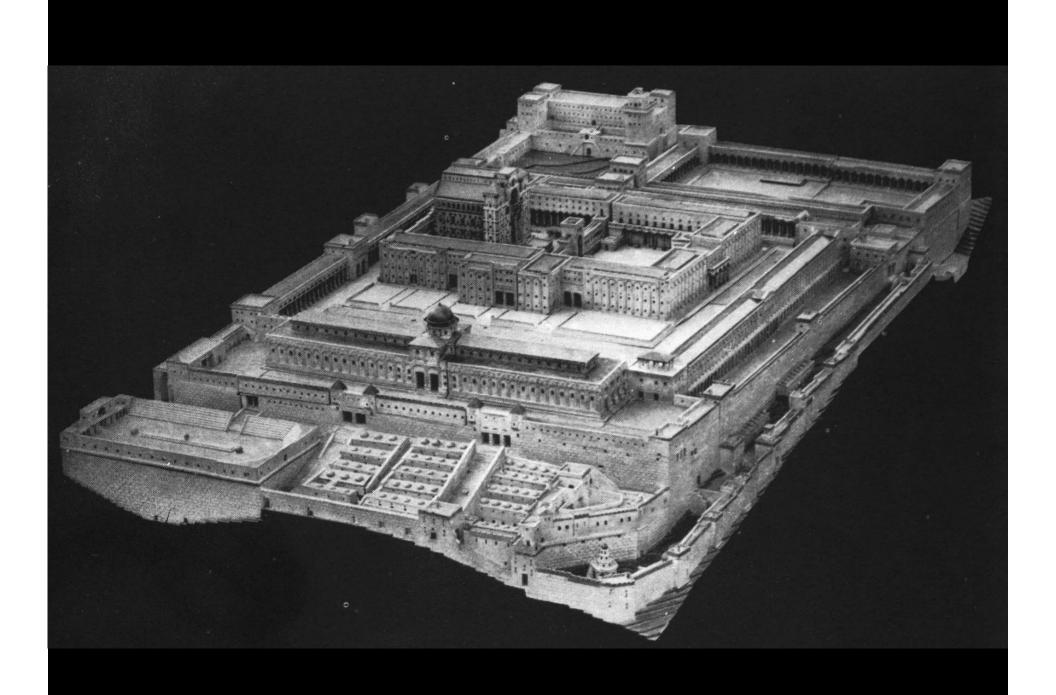
- ► A blind man who sees is made to see
 - "Jesus, Son of David"
 - "Have mercy on me!"
- ► The mark of Messianic era is healing the blind:
 - Isaiah 29:18; 32:3; 35:5
- "Your faith has made you well."
 - Greek $\sigma \dot{\omega} \zeta \omega$ (SOZO) save (93 of 110 times in N.T.)
 - Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus

The Triumphal Entry Mark 11:1-11

- Sovereignty
- Scripture
 - Zechariah 9:9-10 "Your King comes on a colt . . ."
 - Psalm 118:25-26 "Hosanna . . . "
 - Malachi 3:1 "The LORD will suddenly come to His temple . . ."

The Lesson of the Fig Tree Mark 11:12-26

- ► Fig tree cursed Mark 11:12-14
 - Jesus hungry but finds no figs on a tree bearing leaves
 - Jesus cursed the tree
 - The tree was "dried up from the roots."
 - Israel represented as fig tree in Scripture
 - O.T. figure for Israel Jeremiah 8:13; Hosea 9:10, 16
 - N.T. parable Luke 13:6-9
 - Hosea 9:16 "termination" of Israel





The Temple cleansed Mark 11:15-19

- Jesus drove out the buyers and sellers
 - A house of prayer for all nations—Isaiah 56:7
 - Den of thieves Jeremiah 7:11
 - The cause of judgment "polluted My house" (Jer. 7:28f)

The Lesson of the Fig Tree Resumed – Mark 11:20-26

- ► The fig tree was dried up from the roots.
- ► A lesson on prayer?
 - Have faith in God
 - Cast mountain into the sea, if no doubting
 - Forgive if you expect answers to prayer.
- Probably not a lesson on prayer.
 - No mountains have been cast into the sea.
 - Consider the context.

A Lesson on the Wrath of God

- ► Fig tree; corrupted temple; Israel
- ► "Have faith in God"
- "Whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them and you will have them."

Cast this mountain into the sea

- ► The temple mount
- "Mountain" is a figure of Israel
 - Joel 2:1 Zion is the mountain of the LORD
 - Ezekiel 36:1 A prophecy of blessing to the mountains of Israel
 - Isaiah 2:1 Mountain is figure of Kingdom of God

Cast this mountain into the sea

- Judgment on the mountain
 - Psalm 46:2 mountains cast into the sea = judgment
 - Zechariah 4:7 mountain become a plain
 - Jeremiah 26:18 mountain of the temple destroyed
 - Revelation 6:14 every mountain moved out of place
 - Revelation 16:20 mountains not found
- ► Matthew 21:21
 - curse the fig tree and remove this mountain
- ► Mark 5:1
 - Pigs going into the sea taking the demons with them
- Prayer for wrath

A word about forgiveness Mark 11:25-26

- Do not seek wrath against personal enemies
- Forgive as we have been forgiven
- Vengeance is the Lord's

"In wrath remember mercy" Habakkuk 3:2