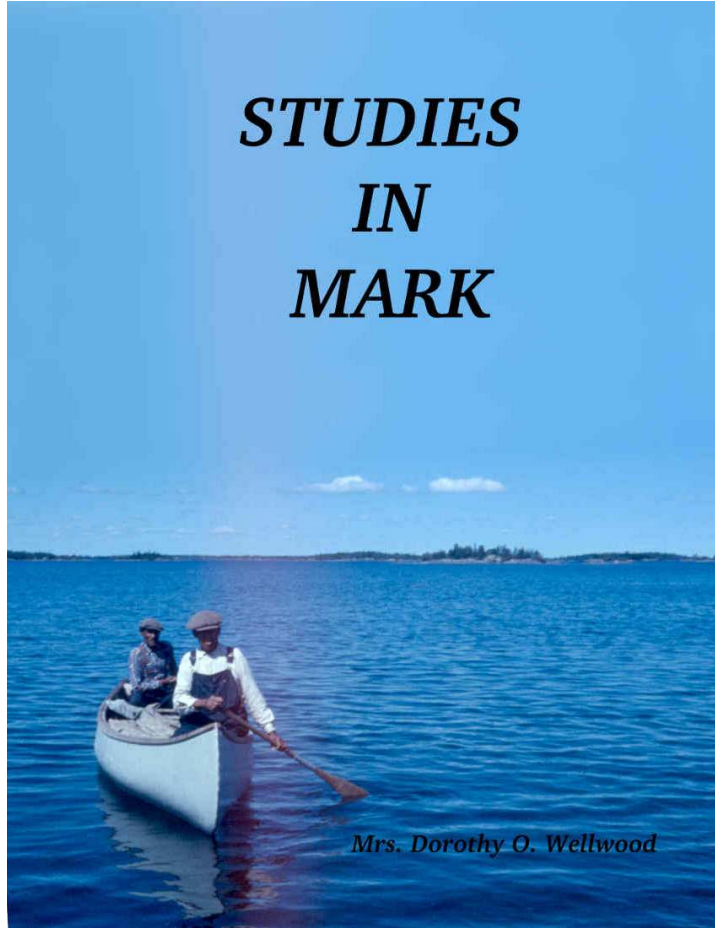


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LESSON 50

MARK 13:1-13

REVIEW:

Mark 10:32-52 - Jesus was on His way from Galilee to Jerusalem.

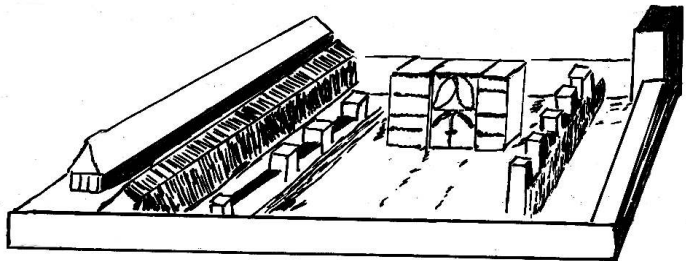
Mark 11 and 12 - Jesus was in Jerusalem, in the temple.

READ MARK 13:1-13

THE TEMPLE

1. Jesus and His disciples came out of the temple. One of the disciples said to Jesus, “ see what manner (kind) of and what are here!” (verse 1)

2. The temple at Jerusalem was a very beautiful building. It took the Jews more than 40 years to build it. The temple was made of big white marble stones. Some of the stones were 60 feet long and 15 feet high.



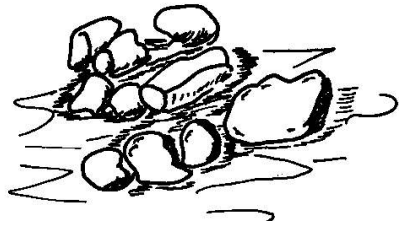
The temple had 9 large gates. All were covered with gold and silver. One gate was solid brass and cost very much. There were high round pillars (posts). Great bunches of grapes as big as a man, were carved over the golden doors. Even the roof was covered with gold. The Jews were very proud of the beautiful temple they had built for their God. The problem was that the people thought more about the house they built for God, than they thought about God.

In our lesson today, Jesus left the temple. This was His last visit to the temple. Jesus was not as happy about the temple as the Jews were. He remembered how the priests had let God's house become a den of thieves. They had not used it for worship and prayer. Jesus never forgot that the temple was His Father's house.

3. In verse 2, what did Jesus say would happen to the great stones in the temple building?

“There shall not be left . . .”

Jesus wanted the disciples to know that the things we build do not last forever. God is forever. They needed to get their eyes on the everlasting God; not on the house they had built for Him. The judgment of God would fall on that temple because of the sin that was done in it.



4. Then Jesus and His disciples went to a mountain across from the temple. They sat down. What was the name of the mountain where they sat? (verse 3)

. They could look across the valley and see the temple.

5. Which disciples began to ask Jesus questions?

, and .

6. Jesus said their beautiful temple would be torn down. The four disciples asked Jesus two questions in verse 4. What were the questions?

1) ?

2) ?

We know now that 70 years after Jesus was born, the Romans fought and took the city of Jerusalem. They burned the city. They broke the temple down just like Jesus said they would do. God let the Romans break down His house because of the sins of His people. The prophet Ezekiel said what would happen too. Hundreds of years before Christ, Ezekiel told how the glory of God would leave the temple. Ezekiel said that the glory of God would go to the Mount of Olives. (Ezekiel 11:23,24)

Sin always leads to ruin. When we give in to sin, we can expect our lives to be torn down and ruined just like the temple was spoiled and torn down.

Jesus cried when He saw the terrible things that would happen to the people of Jerusalem. He wanted to save them, they loved their sin, so He could not save them. The people would not come to Jesus and be saved. (Luke 19:41-44)

7. What does it say in Luke 19:41?

“And when He (Jesus) was come near,
and .”

THE WOMAN WHO WOULD NOT BE SAVED

A woman once fell from a bridge into the fast waters of a river. The woman could not swim. Her son saw her fall and jumped in after her. The woman was so scared that she did not believe her son was able to save her life. She kept on trying to save herself and almost drowned them both.



The boy cried to his mother, “Mother, stop struggling. Let me save you.”

The woman would not listen. The boy tried as hard as he could, but he could not save his mother. She drowned.

At the funeral, the son looked at his mother. With tears running down his face, he said, “I tried to save you, Mother, but you would not let me.”

Jesus tried to save the people from their sins. There was much sin in the city of Jerusalem, but they would not listen to Jesus. He could not save them. Jesus cried for Jerusalem because He knew how awful the fires of judgment and hell are.

The heart of Jesus must be crying today. He wants to save men and women from the fires of hell, and they will not let Him. They think they can get to heaven if they try themselves. They are just like the woman who drowned. (Titus 3:5; Ephesians 2:8,9)

Jesus warned the people that the end times were near. He warned them to watch out, or somebody might fool them. (Mark 13:5)

READ MARK 13:7,8,10,12,13

SIGNS OF THE END

- 1. As you read these verses, look for signs that the end times are near.
- 2. Verse 7 says that _____ and _____ must come. Does this mean that the end is near? _____.

- 3. What other signs does verse 8 tell about?
 - 1) _____,
 - 2) _____,
 - 3) _____,
 - 4) _____,
 - 5) _____.



These are the _____ of sorrows.

- 4. What must happen before the end really comes? (verse 10) "And the Gospel



This is happening today. The Gospel has been heard in most places in the world. The end may not be very far away.

- 5. Jesus had only a little time left with His disciples. He had to warn them about the dangers ahead. What did they need to be warned about? Jesus told them in verse 5:
"Take heed _____."

*(Take heed means watch out, be warned, there is danger; be careful,
Lest means for fear that.*

Deceive you means fool you, make you believe a lie; make you think and believe something that is not true.)

We could read verse 5 this way: **Be careful for fear that any man makes you believe what is not true.**

6. Jesus says that many shall come and pretend to be the Christ. They will say, “I
.” Will any be deceived? Will any believe that lie?
“And shall deceive .”

Evil men will hurt the followers of Jesus. God will remember all the bad things they do. God will use the record of the bad things they do to His followers as a testimony against them. These wicked men will have to stand before God. God will judge them for all the evil things they have done to His followers.

7. Bad men will take the followers of Jesus before their judges. (verse 11) Do the followers of Jesus need to be nervous about what to say?
The Bible says they do not even have to plan ahead what they shall say.

8. Who will tell Jesus' followers what to say when wicked men judge them? (verse 11)

“It is not ye that speak but



Sometimes we know we should speak for Jesus when we stand before sinners. We are afraid we will not know what to say. READ verse 11 again. We too can believe that we will be told what to say. Instead of trusting our own brains, whom should we trust to show us the right things to say?

9. There is a promise for the followers of Jesus, no matter how hard it may be. There is always a light ahead of us. Jesus is always with us. God's Holy Spirit always guides us.

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