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The Topic: Mark 12: 1- 44

This is the tenth session in this series on Mark. On the Mark Gospel chart (available to you on line), this is the second session in the section on "The Kairotic Moment." This part is titled "The Offering is ready."

I. Read through the entire chapter in one reading.

II. 12: vs. 1 - 12

What is your experience of being an "heir?"
AN HEIR IS ONE OF THE AWAKENED.

How does our experience apply to Jesus' story of the "tenants?" What does Jesus mean in vs. 9 that the owner "will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others?"
THIS STORY REMINDS ME OF THE TALENTS STORY EARLIER IN MARK. THE "MORE" THAT IS GIVEN IS NOT THAT WE DESERVE IT, BUT THAT THE ENTIRE "TALENTS" AND/OR THE ENTIRE "VINEYARD" IS ALREADY OURS. WE CAN ONLY CLAIM WHAT IS ALREADY OUR, BUT WE NEED TO CLAIM IT. IN THIS SENSE, WE ARE THE OWNERS! WHEN WE FAIL TO CLAIM IT, WE LOSE IT.

Using your "human experience," what is the vineyard? (The "head trip analysis" is the vineyard belongs to Israel. Now, using your "gut trip analysis" who are the "Israeli people?"

THE AWAKENED!

III. 12: vs. 13 - 17 Parable of the Tenants

vs. 15? "Teaching the way of God in accordance with the truth." What is your experience of "the way of God," and what is your experience of "The Truth?"

THE WAY OF GOD IS THE WAY OF PERFECT AWAKENMENT.

THE WAY OF THE TRUTH IS THE WAY OF SURRENDER TO PERFECT AWAKENMENT.

IV. 12: vs. 18 - 27 Marriage at the resurrection

a. Research why the Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection. (This is why they were "sad-you-see.) MY OWN UNFOUNDED IMPRESSION IS THAT THE SADDUCEES WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE FALSE HOPE THAT THE RESURRECTION CAN PROVIDE. FOR ME, THE RESURRECTION MEANS AN AWAKENMENT TO REALITY! THIS HAPPENS WHEN WE REALLY GET AWAKE! THE RESURRECTIONS IS NOT SOMETHING WE EARN WHEN WE DIE.

b. vs. 25 What is your experience of being an "angel?" How does your experience interpret this passage?

WHEN WE ARE INSTRUMENTS OF AWAKENMENT, WE ARE ANGELS OF PERFECT AT-ONE-MENT.

c. Interpret the passage in vs. 27 that God "is not the God of the dead." Using your human experience, how is this so?

GOD CANNOT BE THE GOD OF THE DEAD, BECAUSE GOD REPRESENTS THE AWAKENED.

V. vs. 12: vs. 28 - 34 The Greatest Commandment

Almost this whole thing is "gut trip analysis." Do you agree

or disagree? Why? WELL, I DISAGREE! THERE ARE LOTS OF "HEAD TRIP" WORDS THAT NEED "GUT TRIP ANALYSIS."

VI. 12: vss 35 - 40 "Whose son is Christ?"

What is the punishment mentioned in vss. 40 40? What is your experience of this punishment?

THE "TEACHERS OF THE LAW," ARE THOSE WHOSE CHIEF INSTRUMENT IS "HEAD TRIP ANALYSIS!" THIS SITUATION LEADS TO ARGUMENTS, GREED, AND FURTHER SEPARATION. THEIR PUNISHMENT IS TO BE CONSIDERED IRRELEVANT.

VII. 12: vss 41 - 43 The widow's offering

What does it mean to "give our of her poverty?" What is your experience of the widow's experience? THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO KINDS OF OFFERING MENTIONED HERE IS SURRENDER.