

STUDY PAGE

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

IHOP BIBLE STUDY

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The Topic: Mark 13: 1 - 42

This is the eleventh session in this series on Mark. On the Mark Gospel Chart (available to you on line at the Trinity Web Page), this is the third session on "The Kairotic Moment." This session is titled "Fading through the hole in time." A better sub-title is "The Boast."

I. Read through the assigned chapter and verses.

II. The focus of this bible study is to study the assigned verses using our "Gut-trip" statement. You are to apply this statement to the scripture. We'll see how this works. Those interested can give me an evaluation so that I can improve this form of dialogue.

The Statement:

Peter's Boast in 14:27 - 31 is representative of Good Intentions. All of us as humans are prone to this experience. A common aphorism is "The road to hell is paved with good intentions." What we know about hell is that it is not a place, but a relationship we take to God. Good intentions are the antithesis of At-One-Ment. Oh yes, good intentions can result in good things. The woman at Simon the Leper's home performed a good deed as a foreshadowing of Jesus' burial. But good intentions were not her purpose. As much as we may love Jesus, we cannot die for him or with him. Each of us will occupy our own hope when the time comes. This situation does not represent good intentions. THIS IS REALITY! REALITY makes all the difference! In light of this statement, examine the following:

14:3 - 11 the story of the woman with her bottle of perfume--

What is the Reality she represents and Performs?

14: 12 - 26 The Lord's Supper --

What is the Reality represented in the broken bread and the expended wine?

14: 32 - 42 The Gethsemane episode --

What is the Reality noted in the place (research this out), and in the experience of the Disciples?

STUDY COMMENT

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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 is part is titled "The Offering is ready."

I. Read through the entire chapter in one reading.

II. 12: vss. 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: vss. 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; vss. 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: vss 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.