

The Gospel of Mark: a Path Strewn with Sinners
Mark 10:46 – 13:37

A Roadside Beggar

10:46-52 (pgs.75-77, “Mark: a path strewn with sinners”)

Do you find anything profound about Bartimaeus’ simple petition?

What brought about this healing?

What does this story teach us about prayer?

εὐθὺς “Immediately!” vs52

Palm Sunday

11:1-11

Why a colt? (2 Samuel 13:29; 18:9; 1 Kings 1:38 & Zechariah 9:9)

Hosanna? (Psalm 118:25,26)

What’s the connection to the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) in the Sacrament part of the divine service? (We sing, “Hosanna” before we receive the Lord’s Supper, why?)

David? (1 Chronicles 17:11-14; Psalm 132:11)

Holy Monday

11:12-19

Why does Jesus curse this poor fig tree? (see vs20-25)

God allowed for the selling of animals for sacrifices to pilgrims who had traveled far. God required a temple tax. What were these folks doing wrong?

Holy Tuesday

11:20-25

Is Jesus promising that if we pray, those pesky trees causing all of the pollen will be seen flying through the air today toward the Gulf?

The Oh-so-Close Scribe

12:28-34 (pgs.79-81, Mark: a path strewn with sinners)

The scribe gives a pretty good answer: loving God is the thing. But... how do we love God, how can we love God, when we are born at enmity with him? How do we love him enough? (1 John 4:7-11)

Why does Jesus say, "You are not far from the kingdom of God," rather than say, "The kingdom of God is yours?" (pg81, Mark: a path strewn with sinners)
Galatians 2:16

More teaching in the temple

12:35-40

What does Jesus teach us about himself by quoting Psalm 110:1?

12:41-44

What does Jesus teach us about giving back to him through our offerings?

13:1-37

What does Jesus teach us about the End Times?

Questions drawn from these books:

"Mark: a path strewn with sinners" by Dr. Wade Johnston

"Mark: The People's Bible" by Harold Wicke