

Greater than all Things

Mark 12:35-37

Into the Lesson:

Spend some time getting reacquainted to the Gospel of Mark by rereading the first 12 chapters (about an hour of reading time). As you read, look for some of the defining aspects of this book. For instance:

The number of times “immediately” is used-
Jesus’ favorite title for himself-

The focus on the Gallilean and Jerusalem ministries-
As well as the other regions or cities that were visited-

When the “The Twelve” just didn’t seem to get it-
Jesus’ admonition **not** to say anything after a healing encounter-

And the number of times the Pharisees conspired to
“trap” Jesus-

Or the verses that Lane was able to weave a Paul
Simon quote into the narrative.

Into the Word:

How does the last part of verse 34 seem to set the stage for what we know is about to happen?

After reading Mark 12:35-37, do you sense the Sanhedrin’s frustration because they can’t refute anything Jesus says?

How *should* that have played out?

From Sam’s sermon and Bible margin notes, what do we know of the importance of Psalm 110. As you read this brief Psalm, pray that God would help you to see how Jesus is revealed.

How does Mark 1:1 further confirm that *it’s all about Jesus*?

How do we see the last part of Mark 12:37 coming back to life in the account we read in Acts 26:24-32?

Because Sam takes what appears to be a “bite size” look at scripture and turns it into potentially two or three sermons in one, take the time to read each of the Hebrew passages to come to grips with, “**how He is Greater**”:

Hebrews 1:1-4 “...heir of all things”-

Hebrews 2:9-11 “...made low to bring sons and daughters to glory”-

Hebrews 2:14-18 “...for His glory and our good”-

Hebrews 3:7-15 “...Listen to His voice”-

How does Psalm 95:7-11 provide further indication of the “majesty of Christ”?

Into Life:

After reading Acts 2:36-47, contrast the response of verse 37 with some of those we hear today.

What needs to change in our lives to realize the “sense of awe” that is spoken of in verse 43?

How will that impact our witness to a culture that seems apathetic or uninterested in the truth of God’s Word?

Respond to this, sermon within a sermon quote from Sam, “*When we see the Majesty of Christ and we simply enjoy it, we are lost.*”

And He *continued* questioning them: “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered and said to Him, “You are the Christ.”

– Mark 8:29

This Week’s Songs:

All Creatures Of Our God And King (Hymn 70)

Grace Will Prevail

Great Are You Lord

Humbled Heart

Be The Centre

