

Lenten Bible Study 2026

March 2, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

*“Sacrifice and Sorrow: Jesus’s Last Week
through the Gospel of Mark, Chapters 11-16*

Lesson Two

Welcome and Lighting of the Candle

Opening Prayer

Bible Study

1. Read Mark 12:1-12 **“The Wicked Tenants”**
 - a. To whom is Jesus speaking?
 - b. What is this parable about?
 - c. How does Psalm 118:22 fit into this teaching?
 - d. What happens in the end?

2. Read Mark 12:13-17 **“What about taxes?”**
 - a. Who is questioning Jesus here?
 - b. Why is it a trap?
 - c. How does Jesus respond?
 - d. What was the result?

3. Read Mark 12:18-27 **“Resurrection: Yes or NO?”**
 - a. Another question from those who don’t believe in the Resurrection – what is their issue?
 - b. Jesus says they are wrong. Why?
 - c. How is this reassuring to us?

4. Read Mark 12:28-34 **“The First Commandment”**
 - a. What is the scribes question? Is this too a trap?
 - b. What is Jesus’s answer?
 - c. Are we surprised that the scribe is in agreement?
 - d. How does then Jesus respond to him?
 - e. Why do they stop asking questions?

5. Read Mark 12:35-40 “Jesus’s Teaches in the Temple”
- a. What is the purpose of this question about the Son of David?
 - b. Why does it seem to delight the crowd?
 - c. Why does he denounce the scribes here?
 - d. What will be their punishment?
 - e. Do you think this might change the mood of the crowd?
6. Read Mark 12:41-44 “The Widow’s Mite”
- a. Where do we find Jesus now?
 - b. To whom is he speaking?
 - c. What is the lesson?
 - d. How can we relate to this teaching?

In Conclusion: As we share Jesus’s last week on earth, why do you think it was important for Mark to include all these separate teachings. Is there a conclusion to this chapter for Jesus?

Closing Prayers