

Jesus Last Week

Tuesday

The Final Teachings



*The Path to the
Cross and Beyond*

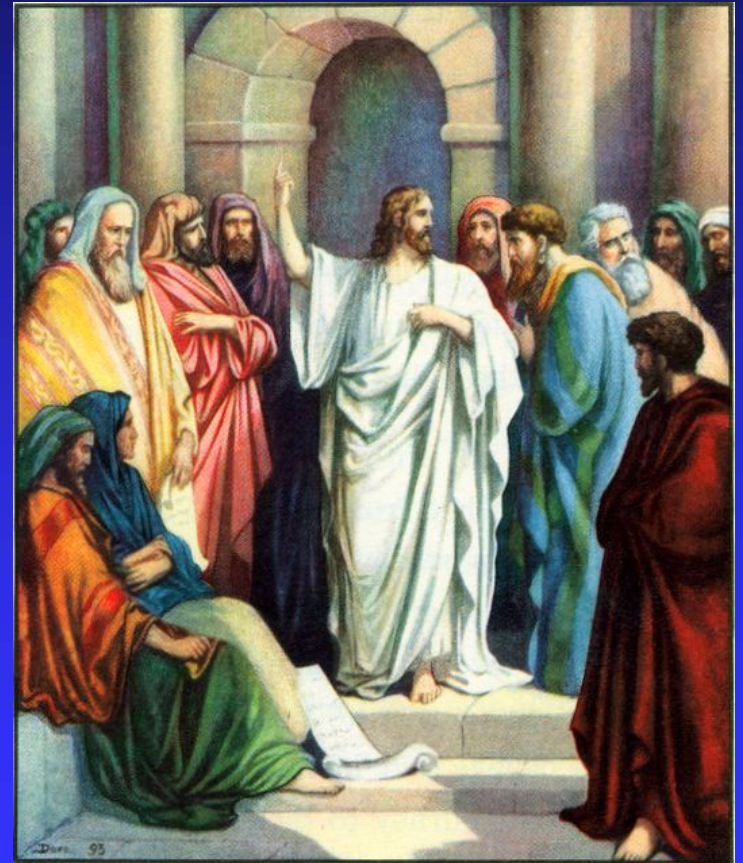
Return to the Temple

- Tuesday morning return to the Temple from Bethany
- Mark has group passing withered fig tree and comment by Peter
- Jesus gives important teaching on prayer



Teaching in the Temple

- Jesus time on Tuesday split into two periods
 - Confrontation with religious leaders
 - Apocalyptic teaching to followers



Confrontation with Leaders

Question	Group	Response
What is your authority?	Chief Priests & Elders	Reply's with question on what was John's authority for baptism
Should taxes be paid to Caesar?	Pharisees	Reply was, "give to Caesar what is Caesars and what is God's to God."
Is there resurrection after death?	Sadducees	Tells Sadducees they do not know Scripture and that heavens not an extension of earth
What is greatest commandment?	Scribes	Provides summary of Jesus life and teaching – <i>The Jesus Creed</i>

Confrontation with Leaders

- Part of Jesus' answer to the question of his authority is the parable of the Wicked Vinedressers. What do you see as Jesus' message here for the people he was addressing and for us today?



Confronting the Leaders

- In response to the Pharisees question of paying taxes Jesus provides an interesting answer. In his answer what was he saying for us today?



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The Jesus Creed

"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

If this is the greatest commandment what does it tell us about how we should live?

Warning!!!

- Jesus gave a warning to the people about the scribal teachings. Should we today be conscious of this warning? If so why?
- If you lead people in any way there is a warning here for you?



Apocalyptic Teaching

- Jesus predicts the destruction of the temple
- This relates back to Jesus cleansing of the temple of Monday and his condemnation



Considering we are now the temples with the Holy Spirit residing in us, what does this message imply for our lives?

Apocalyptic Teaching

- False messiahs and prophets
- Wars and rumors of wars
- Earthquakes and famines
- Persecution by authorities
- A ‘desolating sacrilege’
- Time of great suffering
- Cosmic disorder; darkened sun, no moon
- Return of Son of Man



Apocalyptic Teaching

- Jesus promises he will come again
- “But of that day and hour no one knows.”
- “Watch and pray you do not know when the time is.”



Apocalyptic Teaching

- Are the predictions of the end times like those in the Left Behind series valid? If they are why? If not why not?
- What can we learn from this apocalyptic teaching of Jesus?



Tuesday's Teachings

- The value of prayer
- The marks of poor religious leadership
- Everything we have belongs to God
- The greatest commandment
- We will face struggles
- Jesus will return



Point for Contemplation

Jesus is taking a direct path to the Cross and winding up his teaching while he was here. He was preparing to pass the baton to his followers to continue what he started. What are you doing to continue the preparation for the promised coming of the Kingdom of God?

If the end of your time here on earth were to come tomorrow are you ready?



PATH OF THE CROSS