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Tuesday Bible Study

Week 12

Mark 11:1-12:27

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1. Compare Jesus' instructions in Mark 11:1-3 with the way events unfold in Mark 11:4-6. What might these similarities suggest about Jesus authority or prophetic power?
2. Hosannah means "The Lord saves." What do you think the crowds in Mark 11 are looking to be saved from? What do they expect of Jesus?
3. Read Psalm 118. What parallels do you see between this Psalm and Mark 11:1-11? Write down as many as you can find.
4. Jesus cleanses the temple so that it may be a place of prayer. What temptations or struggles get in the way of your own prayer life? How do you need Christ to "cleanse" your heart so that it may be a place of prayer?
5. Is there a difference between true authority and someone who claims authority based only on position or power?

- a. If so, how do you tell the difference?

 - b. Have you ever known someone who had an authority that the world did not recognize? What about them made them respected as an authority or leader?

6. Bonus: John the Baptizer is mentioned multiple times in Mark. Review Mark 1:4-14, Mark 6:14-29, and Mark 11:27-33. What themes or images are consistent among these episodes? What do they tell us about John? What do they tell us about Jesus?

7. Read the Song of the Vineyard in Isaiah 5: 1-7. What connections do you see between this prophecy and Jesus' parable in Mark 12:1-12? Who is the target of each prophecy?

8. Jesus calls the Pharisees and the Herodians to question who they really are treating as Lord (Mark 12:13-17). How might this relate to the earlier question about *authority*?
 - a. What are some ways that we have been guilty of dismissing God's rule in favor of other "authorities" in the world?