

Listening Guide

I. Introduction

[1] What do we call this final phase of Jesus' life on earth?

[2] How clearly do the gospels outline Jesus' chronological movements during this time?

II. Final Days of Jesus' Ministry

A. Question of Divorce

[3] Why was the question of divorce posed to Jesus?

[4] What made it particularly difficult to answer this question?

[5] Did Jesus prefer the position of Shammai or Hillel?

[6] What two other places in the New Testament does the divorce question come up?

[7] What is the main thrust of Jesus' teaching here?

B. Self-denial

[8] What is Jesus' point when He said we must be like children?

C. Christian Stewardship

[9] What caution must we exercise when reading the account of the rich young ruler?

[10] What is the key point we must learn from the three stories of stewardship? Blomberg says that, "*Whichever model we follow, whatever... it is important is that _____*" What? What is your personal response to that teaching? How does that strike you?

D. Third Passion Prediction

[11] What key Markan perspective is highlighted in Mark 10 where He taught about his suffering?

III. On the Verge of the Final Week

A. On the Way to Jerusalem

[12] How do scholars calculate the time of events recorded in this period of Jesus' life?

B. Jesus in Bethany

[13] What is the significant event John recorded on the day Blomberg refers to?

[14] What makes it so significant?

[15] How is Jesus' response, "The poor you always have with you" sometimes misinterpreted?

IV. Palm Sunday

[16] What was the people's main attitude toward Jesus on Palm Sunday?

[17] Why did Jesus ride into Jerusalem on a donkey?

[18] What expectation of the people did Jesus not fulfill by doing that?

V. Monday

A. Bad News for a Figless Fig Tree

[19] What did fig trees symbolize?

[20] In short, Jesus' teaching here is symbolic of what?

B. Temple Tantrum

[21] What did Jesus' temple "clearing" symbolize?

VI. Tuesday

A. Controversial Teachings

[22] With whom did Jesus discuss the question of authority?

[23] What is significant about the Herodians and Pharisees working together to ask Jesus about taxes?

[24] The Sadducees, who deny the resurrection, asked Jesus about that topic and then the lawyer asked him to expound on the Law. Describe what all these questioners had in common as they threw questions at Jesus. What's going on here?

[25] What was Jesus' final response to all these "questioners?"

B. Olivet Discourse

[26] What two questions did Jesus' comments about the temple's destruction trigger?

- a.
- b.

[27] How does Blomberg, quoting Paul from Romans 10:18, interpret the term, "The whole world?"

[28] What is the main point of this sermon?

Reflection

Record one new fact or insight you discovered in this lesson.

Application

Review Section VI.B. 6. "Olivet Discourse" Point 6. "We cannot predict the time..."

Take a few minutes to think about your personal response to the point of the sermon.

Do you ever consciously respond to it? If not, explain why you do not? If Yes, state how do you respond?