

The Gospel of Mark Message Series

Discussion Guide based on the morning message on May 2, 2010

Recognition Necessitates Reaction – Mark 11:1-11

Big Idea: See Jesus for who He truly is so you can give Him the praise He deserves.

Leading the Session Helps/Discussion Questions

- Make announcements and have a prayer time. (before Choir Members arrive)

ICE BREAKERS

- What is Marty Gras all about? Why did it begin and why the big celebration? If someone is aware of the meaning of Marty Gras and participates, what is their view of God?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Why did Jesus “go public” at that point in time (V. 12)?
- What is Jesus announcing? (Explore the meaning of the name Jesus Christ.)
- What is the significance of what the people cried out in verses 9-10?
- What were the people looking for in the Christ (Messiah)? Contrast this with how Jesus really came.
- How does the Mark 11:1-11 text connect with Acts 4?
- What is the significance of what the people did in verse 8? How does that connect with our lives? What were those same people doing one week later? How does that apply to us? Explore Jesus’ true identity with the people’s perception of who He was.
- How does this passage connect with the first two commandments of the 10 Commandments?
- What is spiritual self-diagnosis? Is it positive or negative?
- What does the people’s fickle response have to do with salvation?

Application

- What perception of God are you focusing your life on? Evaluate that and seek the true God – the One true God, this week.
- Evaluate your life-long commitment to Christ. Did you start off with a bang and fizzle? Have you been progressively growing in your relationship and commitment to Him? What areas of your life need to be rearranged or cut out in order to recognize Christ as the Head of your life?