



4 more studies from the Book of Mark (Part 6)

Please Note the following:

1. It is not necessary to answer the Bible Study Questions before meeting together for the Bible Study. Some people like to prepare beforehand whereas others like to think through the Bible Passages in a group setting. It is also not compulsory to answer ALL the questions.
2. It is not necessary to look up all the Bible cross references listed in a particular question; your Growth Group Leader will summarize these Bible cross references for you.
3. Just a reminder that sometimes in our Growth Groups, people feel comfortable sharing very personal and sensitive things about their lives. This information **MUST BE CONFIDENTIAL and NEVER LEAVE THE GROUP**

Study 1 – Recognizing the True King and Rejecting False Religion **Mark 12:35-40**
(Sermon on 1st Feb 2026)

To begin with: What does ***Messiah*** mean?

Read Mark 12:35-37

1. Where is Jesus' teaching and why is this context important?
2. What common understanding about the Messiah does Jesus refer to in verse 35?
3. Which Old Testament passage does Jesus' quote in verses 36 and 37?
4. Who is speaking in the Psalm Jesus quotes, and who is being addressed?
5. Why is it surprising that David calls the Messiah "my Lord"?
6. What problem does Jesus raise with the idea that the Messiah is only David's son in verse 37?

7. What does this reveal about the Messiah's status and authority?
8. **Ponder:** Is there a hint here that Jesus is more than a political or earthly King?
9. How does **Psalm 110** help explain Jesus' identity after the resurrection and ascension?
10. Ponder: Is there a reason why this teaching about the Messiah comes just before Jesus is crucified?
11. What does it mean for Jesus to be both David's son and David's Lord?
12. Why do you think the crowd "listened to Him with delight"?
13. How do the following Old Testament passages relate to **Mark 12:35-37**?

2 Samuel 7:12-16

Psalm 2**Psalm 89:3-4, 19-29****Psalm 132:11-18****Read Mark 12:38-40**

14. Who is Jesus warning the crowd about?
15. What outward behaviours does Jesus point out here?
16. What motivates these teachers of the law, according to Jesus?
17. What serious injustice does Jesus accuse them of in verse 40?
18. Why is their prayer especially condemned?

19. **Ponder:** Why does Jesus say they will be “*most severely punished*”?
20. **Ponder:** Does this passage have anything to say about hypocrisy?
21. In what ways can religious activity become performance rather than devotion?
22. How do the following Old Testament passages relate to **Mark 12:38-40**?

Isaiah 29:13

Isaiah 1:11-17

Ezekiel 34:1-4

Jeremiah 7:9-11

What's the **BIG IDEA** of **Mark 12:35-40**



What light globe moment did you have?

What **questions** do you have about the passages in this study?

Share the verse that had a special meaning to you in this study?

Finish in prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank you that Jesus is Lord, exalted at your right hand. Forgive us when we seek honour for ourselves or neglect those in need. Give us humble hearts that serve you faithfully, love the vulnerable, and honour your Word in all we do. We pray in Jesus' name., Amen.

Study 2 – Giving from the Heart

Mark 12:41-44

(Sermon on 8th Feb 2026)

Read Mark 12:41-44

1. Where is Jesus sitting, and what does He notice?
2. What does Jesus say about the widow's gift?
3. Why does Jesus value the widow's offering more than the large sums of others?
4. **Ponder:** What does this teach us about God's perspective on giving?
5. How does the widow demonstrate faith?
6. How could we give sacrificially today, even if we have little?
7. What does this story teach about humility in giving?
8. **Ponder:** How might we be tempted to give "for show" instead of faith, and how can we guard against it?

9 **Ponder:** What is one way you can give with a “*widow’s heart*” this week — fully trusting God and not seeking recognition?

10. How do the following Old Testament passages relate to **Mark 12:35-37**?

Proverbs 3:9-10

Deuteronomy 16:17

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Exodus 22:22-24

Psalm 41:1-3

Leviticus 27:30-32

Malachi 3:8-10

2 Kings 12:9-10

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

11. How might this passage relate to **Mark 12:41-44**?

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Share the verse that had a special meaning to you in this study?

Finish in prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank You for teaching us through the example of the widow. Help us to give with faith, trusting You completely, and to serve You with hearts fully devoted, not for show, but from love and dependence on You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Study 3 – Watchful and Faithful: Following Jesus in Troubled Times **Mark 13:1-23**
(Sermon on 15th Feb 2026)

Read Mark 13:1-23

1. What prompts Jesus' teaching in this chapter (verses 1&2)?
2. What question do the disciples ask in verse 4?
3. What is the first warning Jesus gives (verse 5)?
4. Why does Jesus say wars, earthquakes, and famines are not the end (verses 7&8)?
5. What does Jesus say will happen to His followers (verses 9 to 13)?
6. What promise is given to those who endure (verse 13)?
7. What does "*the abomination that causes desolation*" refer to (verse 14)?
8. **Ponder:** Why does Jesus urge immediate action rather than delay (verses 15 to 18)?

9 What does Jesus say about the severity of this time (verses 19&20)

10. Why do you think Jesus repeats the warning about false Messiahs and false prophets (verses 21 to 23)

11. **Ponder:** What does this passage teach about God's control over history?

12. How do the following passages relate to **Mark 13:24-37?**

Daniel 7:13-14

Isaiah 13:9-13

Acts 1:9-11

1 Thessalonians 4:16–17

1 Corinthians 15:23–26

What's the **BIG IDEA** of Mark 13:24-37



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What **questions** do you have about the passages in this study?

Share the verse that had a special meaning to you in this study?

Finish in prayer: Faithful Father, we thank you for the sure promise that Christ will come in glory. Help us to live watchfully and faithfully, trusting your word, serving you with hope and perseverance, until that day. Come Lord Jesus, come! In Jesus Name, we pray. Amen.

Study 4 – Watchful until the Son of Man comes**Mark 13:24-37****(Sermon on 22nd Feb 2026)****Before we begin:** Summarise what happened in **Mark 13:1-23?****Read Mark 13:24-37**

1. What major shift occurs in verse 24?

2. What signs accompany the coming of the Son of Man (verses 24&25)?

3. How is the Son of Man described in verse 26?

4. What does Jesus say He will do when He returns (verse 27)?

5. What lesson does Jesus teach from the fig tree (verses 28&29)?

6. What does Jesus mean by “***this generation***” (verse 30)?

7. What contrast does Jesus make in verse 31?

8. What does Jesus say about knowing the day or hour (verse 32)?

9. What does “**watch**” mean in this passage (verses 33 to 37)?

10. How does the parable of the doorkeeper explain watchfulness?

11. **Ponder:** How should Jesus’ return shape everyday Christian living?

12. Why is watchfulness a communal command, not just individual (verse 37)?

13. **Reflection:** What does “**watching**” look like in your life right now — in prayer, obedience, or service?

14. What helps Christians avoid deception today?

15. What does this passage say to Christians facing opposition or hardship now?

16. How do the following Old Testament passages relate to **Mark 13:1-23**?

Daniel 9:26-27

Daniel 11:31

Daniel 12:1

Jeremiah 7:1-15

Micah 3:12

Lamentations 4:12

Daniel 7:21, 25

Isaiah 50:6-7

Isaiah 49:6

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What **questions** do you have about the passages in this study?

Share the verse that had a special meaning to you in this study?

Finish in prayer: Faithful Father, when the world is unsettled, help us to trust your purposes. Keep us from fear and deception, give us strength to endure, and courage to bear witness to Christ. Teach us to be watchful, faithful, and steadfast, until the end. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Resources:

The MacArthur Study Bible
New Bible Commentary (Carson, France, Moyter & Wenham)
The Gospel of Mark (William Barclay)
The Gospel of St. Mark Commentary by C.E.B. Cranfield
Preaching Mark by Phil Crowter
The Gospel of Mark by Ben Witherington III
Matthew Henry's Commentary