

# THE BIBLE

## in a nutshell



### Mark Part 2

—by Dr Peter Hammond

**“...Hosanna! ‘Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!’ Blessed is the Kingdom of our father David that comes in the Name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”**

**Mark 10:45**

**T**he heart of the problem is the problem of the heart. “...For from within, out of the hearts of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, and foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man.” – Mark 7:10-23

#### Children coming to Jesus

When the disciples sought to prevent parents bringing their little children to Jesus, the Lord was greatly indignant and said: “...Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the Kingdom of God...Whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it...” – Mark 10:14-16

House of prayer for all nations’ But you have made it a ‘den of thieves.’ And the scribes and chief priests heard it and sought how they might destroy Him...” – Mark 11:15-18

#### The fig tree withered

The Lord approached a fig tree that had leaves, but no fruit. In response the Lord declared: “Let no one eat fruit from you ever again” Mark 11:13-14. The next day the disciples saw that the fig tree had dried up from its roots (Mark 11:20).

#### The wicked tenants

Jesus spoke of a man who planted a vineyard and leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now at harvest time he sent servants to the vinedressers who beat his servants, threw stones at others, and shamefully mistreated those sent to them, killing many... Finally he sent his son... But those vinedressers said amongst themselves, “This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.” So they took him and killed him and cast him out of the vineyard. Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the vinedressers, and give the vineyard to others. Have you not even read this Scripture: ‘The Stone which the builders rejected has become the Chief Cornerstone.’ And

#### Palm Sunday

The Lord rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, as prophesied in Zachariah 9:9. And the people shouted out “...Hosanna! ‘Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!’ Blessed is the Kingdom of our father David that comes in the Name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” Mark 11:9-11. “Then Jesus went into the Temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in the Temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. And He would not allow anyone to carry wares through the Temple... My House shall be called a

### By what authority?

The conflict with the Jewish religious leaders reaches a climax, as a series of attacks are launched, attempting to undermine the authority of Jesus before the people in the Temple. The chief priests, the scribes, and Pharisees came to trick or trap Jesus. “By what authority are You doing these things? But Jesus answered and said to them, ‘I also will ask you one question... The baptism of John – was it from Heaven or from men? Answer Me’... So they answered ‘We do not know.’ And Jesus said ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.’” – Mark 11:27-33

### Malicious treachery

The prolonged escalating controversy between the Jewish religious leaders and the Lord Jesus Christ reaches its climax in Jerusalem. “Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Him to them. And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. So he sought how he might conveniently betray Him.” – Mark 14:10-11.



they sought to lay hands on Him, but feared the multitude, for they knew He had spoken the parable against them...” Mark 12:1-12

#### Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar?

Then the Pharisees tried to catch Him out by asking: “Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? But He, knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, ‘Why do you test Me? Bring Me a denarius... Whose image and inscription is this?’ They said to Him,

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‘Caesar’s.’ And Jesus answered... ‘Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’ They marvelled...” Mark 12:13-17

#### The greatest commandment

When a scribe questioned Jesus as to what is the greatest commandment, Jesus replied: “And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength... You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” Mark 12:30-31

#### The temple is doomed to destruction

As they went out of the Temple, one of His disciples pointed out the magnificent Temple. The Lord responded, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone shall be left upon another, that shall not be thrown down.” Mark 13:2.

#### Beware of deception and persecution

The Lord warned of deception, coming turmoil, and persecution, being delivered up to councils and beaten in synagogues, brother will betray brother to death, a father his child, children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. “You will be hated by all for My Name’s sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.”

#### The conspiracy

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### The Great Commission

*"Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. And He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.'" -- Mark 16:14-15.*

### Work for the Lord and with the Lord

*Trust and obey for there is no other way, to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey. "And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the Word through the accompanying signs." -- Mark 16:20*

the death penalty. Many bore false witness against Him, but their testimonies did not agree. The high priest asked Jesus: "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" Jesus said, "I Am. And you will see the Son of man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of Heaven." Then some began to spit on Him, and to blindfold Him, and to beat Him, and to say to Him, 'Prophesy!' And the officers struck Him..." Mark 14:60-65

### Schemes and screams

The Lord was tried before the Sanhedrin, the Roman governor, and king Herod. Pontius Pilate on three occasions declared Him innocent. "This Man has done nothing wrong. This man has done nothing to deserve death. I will have Him scourged and let Him go." Herod also dismissed Him. Yet, despite being effectively declared Not Guilty three times, the governor bowed before the scheming of

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### Political intrigue

The Sanhedrin needed Roman approval for this death sentence, therefore the Jewish high priests, when they came before Pilate, did not charge Jesus with blasphemy, but treason. Pilate was not convinced. "For he knew that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd, so that he should rather release Barabbas to them." Mark 15:10-11

### Mob rule

"Pilate answered and said to them again, 'What then do you want me to do with Him...? So they cried out again, 'Crucify Him!' Then Pilate said to them, 'Why, what evil has He done?' But they cried out all the more, 'Crucify Him!' So Pilate, wanting to gratify the crowd, released Barabbas to them; and he delivered Jesus, after he had scourged Him, to be crucified." -- Mark 15:12-15

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### The worst crime in history

The greatest sin of any age is the rejection of Jesus Christ. The worst crime ever committed in the history of the world was the betrayal, illegal trial, and crucifixion of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Mark's Gospel clearly presents us with the choice, to follow the world, or the Word of God.

### Christ Jesus is Risen

The first sight of the empty tomb and the angels' announcement that Jesus had risen, threw the women into wild excitement. They ran to tell the others, in joy, fear, anxiety, wonder, and bewilderment. Mary Magdalene ran ahead of the group to announce to the disciples that Jesus had risen. When Peter and John reached the tomb they saw the empty shroud (Mark 16:1-7). ■

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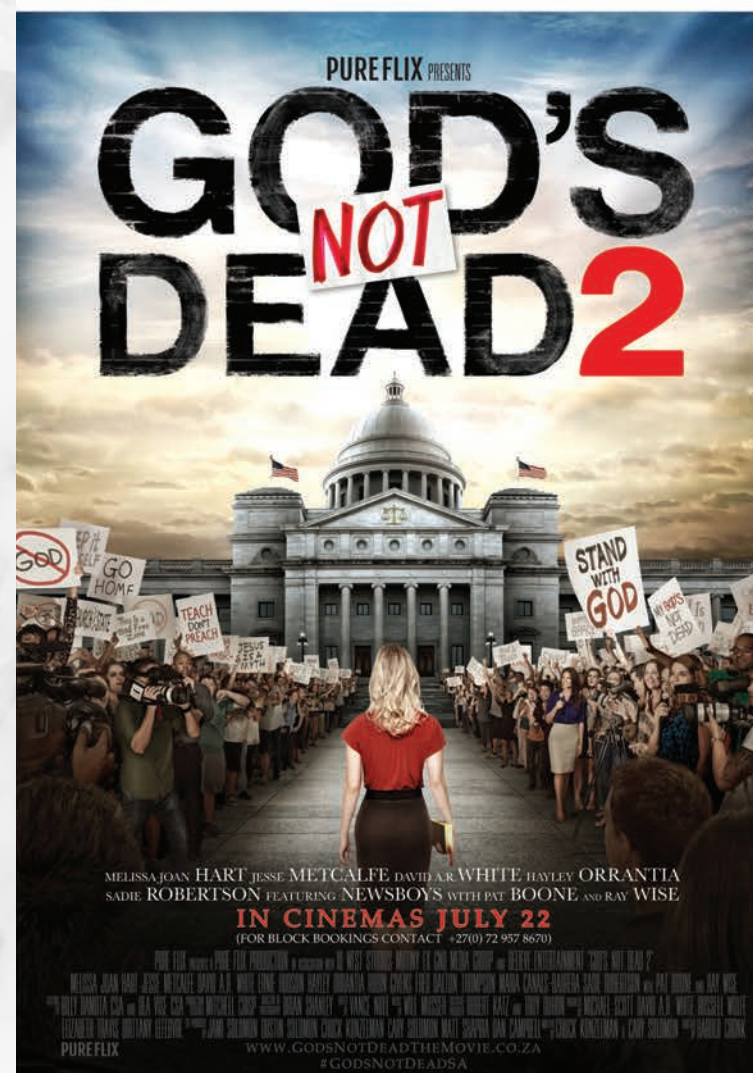
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