



**MARK: GOSPEL TRUTH
FOR A GROWING CHAOS**

NOT FAR (BUT TOO FAR)

MARK 12:32 So the scribe said to Him, “Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no other but He.³³ And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”³⁴ Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” But after that no one dared question Him.

MATTHEW 23:1 Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples,
²saying: “The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat.³Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do.”

MATTHEW 23:14 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.¹⁵Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land **to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.**

JOHN 8:44 “You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.”

NOTICE THE SCRIBE

MARK 12:28 Then one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, “Which is the first commandment of all?”²⁹ Jesus answered him, “The first of all the commandments is: ‘Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one.’³⁰ 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.’ This is the first commandment.³¹ And the second, like it, is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

NOTICE THE SCRIBE

DEUTERONOMY 6:10 So it shall be, when the LORD your God brings you into the land of which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you large and beautiful cities which you did not build,¹¹ houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, hewn-out wells which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant—when you have eaten and are full—¹²then beware, lest you forget the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage

NOTICE THE SCRIBE

MARK 1:14 Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,¹⁵ And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: **repent ye, and believe the gospel.**

NOTICE THE SERMON

MARK 12:35 And Jesus answered and said, while he taught in the temple, How say the scribes that Christ is the Son of David?³⁶ For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool.³⁷ David therefore himself calleth him Lord; and whence is he then his son? And **the common people heard him gladly.**³⁸ And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes...

NOTICE THE SERMON

MARK 12:38 And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations in the marketplaces,
³⁹And the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost rooms at feasts:⁴⁰Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation.

NOTICE THE SERMON

MATTHEW 23:4 For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.

NOTICE THE POOR SINNER

MARK 12:41 Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many who were rich put in much.⁴² Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans.⁴³ So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury;⁴⁴ for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood.”

NOTICE THE POOR SINNER

MATTHEW 23:37 “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!³⁸ See! Your house is left to you desolate;³⁹ for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’”

NOTICE THE STONES

MARK 13:1 Then as He went out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, “Teacher, **see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!**”

²And Jesus answered and said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone shall be left upon another, that shall not be thrown down.”

NOTICE THE STONES

MARK 13:3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately,⁴ **“Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?”**