

(Study from Jack Gabbert on The Life Of Christ)

### A QUESTION BY THE PHARISEES AND HERODIANS

TEXT: Matthew 22:15-22; Mark 12:13-17; Luke 20:20-26

PLACE: Jerusalem, in the Temple

TIME: Tuesday

#### ◆ A Political Question

➡ What two groups came with this question? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

- Research: Who were the Herodians? Why is it strange that they and the Pharisees should be together?

➡ What was the purpose of their question?

➡ The question: "Is it \_\_\_\_\_ to pay taxes to \_\_\_\_\_, or not?"

- What did Jesus detect?

➡ The Answer:

- What if Jesus said: 1) No - do not pay taxes to Rome? 2) or, Yes, you must pay taxes. According to Luke, what answer did they probably want? \_\_\_\_\_ -
- Read the rest of the story and then note Jesus' reply - "... render to \_\_\_\_\_ the things that are \_\_\_\_\_; and to \_\_\_\_\_ the things that are \_\_\_\_\_."
- What is their response?

DISCUSS: Does Jesus' answer apply to us today?  
Cp. Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-17

### A QUESTION BY THE SADDUCEES

TEXT: Matthew 22:23-33; Mark 12:18-27; Luke 20:27-40

#### ◆ A Doctrinal Question

➡ Who asked this question?

- Research: Who and what were the Sadducees?

➡ The "Riddle Question": (read verses to set the situation)

➡ The Answer:

- First Jesus states that they are ignorant of the \_\_\_\_\_ and of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. He then gives an answer based on these two principles. First, Jesus made clear the proposition

that the Old Testament plainly taught the life after death and that the Sadducees had been so enamored of their pagan philosophy and skeptical conclusions that they had neglected to study the revelation that God had given. Furthermore, they did not know the power of God; they supposed that God would be compelled to continue in Heaven the relations of earth and did not take into account that God would be able to make Heaven more blessed than earth.

- After answering the puzzle about the seven husbands and one wife Jesus offered just one passage from the Old Testament to prove that it teaches the future life. And what an extraordinary passage. He does not quote Daniel, Isaiah, or the Psalms; He quotes from the words of God to Moses, recorded in Exodus 3:6. His argument is this: Abraham has been dead many years, also Isaac and Jacob; but God does not say to Moses, "I was the God of Abraham" but, "I am the God of Abraham;" he is alive now, for a dead person who is no longer in existence can have had a Creator, but he cannot have a God

### A Question By A Pharisaic Scribe

TEXT: Matthew 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-34

#### ➡ An Ethical Question

- What do we know about the questioner?
- The question: "What Commandment is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all?"
- The answer:
  - First:
  - Second:
- The response: What was the questioner's response?
- What great statement did Jesus' make in regard to this man? Why?

### A Question By A Pharisaic Scribe

TEXT: Matthew 22:41-46; Mark 12:35-37; Luke 20:41-44

#### ➡ A Question About The Christ

- Who asked this question?
- The question: "What do you think about the \_\_\_\_\_, whose \_\_\_\_\_ is He?"
- Their answer: "The son of \_\_\_\_\_."
- Jesus' response: "Then how (why) does David in the \_\_\_\_\_ call Him, ' \_\_\_\_\_ '...?" And then He asks, "If David calls Him ' \_\_\_\_\_ ', how is He his \_\_\_\_\_?"

**NOTE:** The only key to this enigma is the two-folded nature of the Messiah - a "son" or descendant of David and also "Lord" or sovereign of God. This doctrine had been lost among the Jews and so the confusion. They understood the first concept, but failed to grasp the latter.

**SUMMARY:** In these questions was the hope that Jesus' credibility would be damaged or destroyed. But to the contrary, Jesus' credibility was enhanced and the Jew's plot failed. He spoke as One with authority.