

## Sermon Notes – March 9, 2025

### Four Questions and Two Warnings (*Mark 12:13-44*)

#### FOUR QUESTIONS

- I. The question of AUTHORITY. (*Vss. 13-17*)
  - A. Asked by the religious (Pharisees) and political (Herodians) leaders.
  - B. Is paying the poll tax to Caesar legal?
  - C. All authority comes from God. (*Romans 13*)
  
- II. The question of RESURRECTION. (*Vss. 18-27*)
  - A. Asked by the Sadducees who were wealthy, arrogant priests.
    1. Denied the resurrection, the existence of the soul, life after death, a final judgement, angels and demons. (*Acts 23:8*)
    2. They only accepted the Law of Moses: Genesis-Deuteronomy.
  - B. What about marriage in the afterlife?
  - C. No marriage in the afterlife; God is the God of the living. (*Exodus 3:6, 15-16; Romans 14:8,9*)
  
- III. The question of PRIORITY. (*Vss. 28-34*)
  - A. Asked by a scribe who was an expert in the
  - B. Which of God's commands is the greatest?
  - C. Jesus quotes the SHEMA (*Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and Leviticus 19:18*)
  
- IV. The question of MESSIAHSHIP. (*Vss. 35-37*)
  - A. The counter question by Jesus.
  - B. Psalm 110:1 describes the Messiah as David's Lord.
  - C. Jesus fulfills both David's son AND David's Lord.
    1. David's son (*Matthew 1:1, John 7:41-42*)
    2. David's Lord: God in flesh! (*Isaiah 7:14, Matt. 1:18-25, Luke 1:26-38*)



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## TWO WARNINGS

- I. Beware of the PRIDE OF THE SCRIBES. (*Vss. 38-40*)
  - A. They do everything to be seen by men.
  - B. They always have a sense of entitlement.
  
- II. Beware of the PRIDE OF THE RICH. (*Vss. 41-44*)
  - A. They give to be seen by men.
  - B. They give out of their abundance.
    1. Portion vs. Proportion