

## **A Study in the Gospel of Mark 8-16**

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### **What belongs to God, Mark 12:1-27**

**1 And he began to speak to them in parables. “A man planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a pit for the winepress and built a tower, and leased it to tenants and went into another country. 2 When the season came, he sent a servant[a] to the tenants to get from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. 3 And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 4 Again he sent to them another servant[b], and they struck him on the head and treated him shamefully. 5 And he sent another, and him they killed. And so with many others: some they beat, and some they killed. 6 He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ 7 But those tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ 8 And they took him and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard. 9 What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. 10 Have you not read this Scripture:**

**“The stone that the builders rejected**

**has become the cornerstone;**

**11**

**this was the Lord's doing,**

**and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”**

**12 And they were seeking to arrest him but feared the people, for they perceived that he had told the parable against them. So they left him and went away.**

### **Paying Taxes to Caesar**

**13 And they sent to him some of the Pharisees and some of the Herodians, to trap him in his talk. 14 And they came and said to him, “Teacher, we know that you are true and do not care about anyone's opinion. For you**

are not swayed by appearances,[c] but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?" 15 But, knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why put me to the test? Bring me a denarius[d] and let me look at it." 16 And they brought one. And he said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said to him, "Caesar's." 17 Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they marveled at him.

### The Sadducees Ask About the Resurrection

18 And Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection. And they asked him a question, saying, 19 "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife, but leaves no child, the man[e] must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. 20 There were seven brothers; the first took a wife, and when he died left no offspring. 21 And the second took her, and died, leaving no offspring. And the third likewise. 22 And the seven left no offspring. Last of all the woman also died. 23 In the resurrection, when they rise again, whose wife will she be? For the seven had her as wife."

24 Jesus said to them, "Is this not the reason you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God? 25 For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. 26 And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? 27 He is not God of the dead, but of the living. You are quite wrong."

- a. Mark 12:2 Or *bondservant*; also verse 4
- b. Mark 12:4 Or *bondservant*; also verse 2
- c. Mark 12:14 Greek *you do not look at people's faces*
- d. Mark 12:15 A *denarius* was a day's wage for a laborer
- e. Mark 12:19 Greek *his brother*

1. His Own
2. Rejecting the Son (Mark 12:1-12)
  - A. Wanting the King's riches but not the King

- B. Christianity without Christ loses the true foundation**
- 3. Give God what is God's (Mark 12:13-17)**
  - A. The trap of taxes**
  - B. Learning what belongs to God**
- 4. The resurrection (Mark 12:18-27)**
  - A. The trap of the resurrection**
  - B. The God of the living**