

**Matthew: Jesus, The King of Kings**

## **Whose Son Is He?**

**Matthew 22:15-46**

### **Previously:**

- Jesus brings up his death AND resurrection several times
- Triumphal Entry, Temple Cleansing
- Parables of the Kingdom

### **Today**

- Death and Taxes
- Greatest Commandment
- David's Lord

## **[Pray]**

## **22:15-18**

### **Entangle him in his talk**

**They loved their word games**

**He did miracles, He loved on people**

**So what could they stop there? His Word.**

**Hebrews 4:12** - For the word of God [is] living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

**2 Timothy 3:16-17** - All Scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

### **Pharisee disciples & Herodians**

Enemy of my enemy is my friend

Politicians and religious folks

*IRS changing rules for churches - good!*

*Politicians using Christians and churches for their own power purposes...bad*

## **Flattery**

Again they miss it - he doesn't just teach the way, HE IS THE WAY

**If he won't break our laws, maybe we can get him to speak out against the government**

*JTB beheaded for speaking out against Herod*

## **Perceived their wickedness**

### **Words seemed fine, but their motives weren't just off, they were wicked**

**Ginosko** - intimate knowledge, become known

**Was it from simply paying attention to their words and who they were?**

**That will go a long way in life**

**"Consider the source"**

**Don't neglect practical wisdom. God wants us to be wise in all matters.**

**Or was it more supernatural?**

**A word of knowledge**

The Holy Spirit can and will give you knowledge that you'd have no idea about

A person's intent

A bad situation

Something coming or something you'd have no way to actually know otherwise

**Don't neglect The Holy Spirit and spiritual insight!**

**Sometimes we just need to take a minute, pray, consider who and what is before us so we can see who they really are and what it's really about**

## **Why do you test me you hypocrites?**

Remember JTB calling out Pharisees from the river?

They were trying to prove Jesus a hypocrite, when it was they themselves who were

*Projection*

## :19-22

### Jesus plays along because He always has the upper hand

Show me the tax money (His pockets were empty, no cash because He was poor on the road)

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*ii. Barclay claims there were three regular taxes. There was the ground tax, which was a 10% tax on grain production and a 20% tax on oil and wine. There was the income tax, which was 1% of a man's income. And there was **the poll tax**, paid by every man from 14 to 65 years of age and every woman from 12 to 65 years of age; **this tax was a denarius a year.***

*iii. This particular tax was the poll tax. **"Paying the poll tax was the most obvious sign of submission to Rome... Zealots claimed the poll tax was a God-dishonoring badge of slavery to the pagans."** (Carson)*

**He knew what the coins looked like, but the visual was important  
"Whose image and inscription is this?"**

Caesar's picture, Caesar's words

*Our money - show dollar, kids & cash, cashless society*

### What then bears God's image?

**Genesis 1:26-27** Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His [own] image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

**We do! Man and woman, individually, together, bear his image.**

### What about His inscription?

**Jeremiah 31:31-33** - "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah-- "not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day [that] I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. "But this [is] the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Even more so, Jesus IS the visible image of God (Col 1:15)  
And He is the WORD of God (John 1)

**They marveled**

**They had no answer**

**It was the perfect response. Short. Sweet. Simple.**

**True from every angle.**

**:23-28**

### **Pharisees vs. Sadducees**

#### **Pharisees**

- Oral tradition = written word
- Reward and punishment in afterlife
- Angels and demons, spirit world

#### **Sadducees**

- Literal interpretation of scripture (I find it odd, though...)
- Rejected resurrection
- Rejected spirit world

**The disciples kept missing the point about the resurrection,  
but the Sadducees ears perked up knowing he kept talking about it  
It was their hot topic of debate**

**Can you hear their fake honor and disdain in their voices?**

**“Teacher...”**

**:29-33**

**One of their mistakes? Assuming resurrected life is the same as fleshly life.**

- Before Jesus vs. After Jesus
- Flesh vs. Spirit
- This life, the life to come

*Message for another time, but someone who claims to be a Christian will have a completely different life - from the inside out. They cannot stay the same and live the same old life.*

*“Are you sure you want this life?”*

**They were bringing up a point in the law (Deut 25) that if a man dies without a child his brother has to sire a child with his deceased brother’s wife**

**Honorable, but not always desirable.**

Think about all the ramifications and responsibilities

**But the point was to not let the brother’s line die - life after death**

**This woman, all seven brothers! maybe she’s the problem (kidding), each brother dies! Criminal suspect?**

**You are mistaken**

Is Jesus being gentle here? Simply mistaken?

**Planao - “err”**

- Cause to stray, lead aside from the right way, roam about
- (not all who wander are lost bumper stickers?)
- **To be led into error**

**What we believe is important - it will lead us into truth or error**

*Everyone has a religion, belief system - and it affects our entire worldview - we view everything we see through that lens*

**Matthew 6:22-23** - "The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. "But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great [is] that darkness!"

**Why are they in serious error in their beliefs, positions and posture?**

**Again Jesus asks, “Have you not read?”**

**Not knowing the scriptures**

**Nor the power of God**

**Hypercharismatics** - tend to seek miracles, signs, wonders, rely on experiences and outward manifestations. Can be very passionate. They want to see and be a part of the power of God.  
**I don't knock their desire or passion or zeal - that's admirable. We should be in love with God and want to see His power at work!**

**But a lot of it is out of control at best and misleading and demonic at worst**

**Romans 10:2b** ...they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.

**Cessationists** - tend to know the Bible, quote it back and forth, study doctrine, want to adhere to the law, are concerned about reverence of God. They want to know the scriptures

**John 5:39** - "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me."

**But there is a healthy, Biblical balance. All throughout Acts and the NT**

**We need to know the Scriptures  
 And be open to the Work of God**

**He still speaks through His Word.  
 He's not done working by His Spirit.**

**The God of the Living, Not the Dead**

Knowing God, being a Christian, reading the Bible, Worshipping, Praying, Going and Making Disciples - it's living.

*Remember, his word is living and active (Hebrews before)*

*We worship a living God.*

**For homework: Is. 44:6-20**

**The multitudes were astonished. Literally blown away. Gen Z shook.**  
 We're not told the Sadducees reaction, but that answer shut them up.

## :34-40

### Pharisees tagged in to the fight when the Sadducees were silenced

People love to argue, don't listen, just look for the next opening to jump in with their thoughts

Probably amazed that their arguing counterparts were beat, too

### Lawyers again...asking about the law

*I like that Jesus answered this lawyer directly - wasn't just answering the group - right to this guy. He's a personal God with answers for each of us personally.*

### The summation of the 10 (Exodus 20 for homework again)

First four deal with us and God

6-10 us and each other

**1 John 4:20-21** If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God [must] love his brother also.

- **If we skip the first four we're not fulfilling the last six**
- **If we've broken one we've broken them all**

### The lawyer was asking which one was the most important.

They wanted Jesus to make the law unbalanced, show favoritism - neglect one so they could trip him up

*i. "The Rabbins reckoned up 613 commandments of the law; and distinguished them into the greater and the lesser. These later they thought might be neglected or violated with little or no guilt." (Trapp)*

**That's it. That was the answer. Straight from God himself.**

### The point of the law is not about legalism, but love - through and through.

- Every part of yourself in love with God.
- Every part of yourself loving others.

Impossible to fulfill on our own.

## **:41-45**

**They're gathered still...**

**Jesus takes the opportunity to be the one asking a question  
And a question meant to reveal his identity**

**David, in the Spirit...**

Holy Spirit not upon everyone in the OT. Spirit would depart.

Saul. David cried not to leave.

Prophets.

Not until Pentecost

**But David, in the Spirit...says this**

Jesus quotes Ps 110, David's words

- LORD to my Lord
- YHWH to my adon
- God himself to my master

**If David calls the Messiah his Master**

**How is the Messiah the Son of David?**

(Matthew 1, Genealogy Son of David, Son of Abraham)

**They couldn't answer. It was obvious but they couldn't admit it.**

The Messiah would be of David's line.

But He wouldn't be just a man. He'd be God's own son.

**He would have a right to the throne as King of Israel**

**But the throne was always His as the God of Heaven**

**And the throne The King of Heaven cares most about - is the throne of our hearts**

**Who's on the throne of your heart?**

- You can tell by the course of your life.  
Where you're being led.
- What you believe.
- What you do.

**Romans 10:9-11** - that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart

that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."