

The Wisdom of Jesus

Mark 12:18-44

Jesus Christ, the Son of God
Lesson 17
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The Gospel of Mark:

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God

The beginning	Ministry of Jesus	The Redemptive Work of Jesus	Continuation
Mark 1:1-13	Mark 1:14-10:52	Mark 11:1-16:8	Mark 16:9-20
Scripture God the Father God the Spirit	Key Verse: Mark 8:29 Part 1: Presentation of Jesus Part 2: Death & Discipleship	Condemnation of Israel Return of Christ Redemptive Work	Great Commission Disciples on Earth Christ in Heaven

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1:1-13	1:14-8:38	9:1-13	9:14-10:52	11:1-11	11:12-12:44	13:1-37	14:1-16:8	16:9-20
Word of God	Knowing Christ	Power and Glory of Christ	Following Christ	Royalty of Christ	Opposing Christ	Triumph of Christ	Passion of Christ	Christ seated at the right hand of God

A Time of Confrontation

- ▶ **The rejected Stone is the Chief Cornerstone**
- ▶ **The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem**
- ▶ **The fig tree cursed**
- ▶ **The Temple cleansed**
- ▶ **Have faith in God the Judge**

A Series of Challenges

- ▶ **Five tests which expose His enemies**
 - Authority – no respect for the Heir
 - Taxes – honor to God
 - Resurrection – Scriptures and the power of God
 - Greatest Commandment – devotion to God
 - Son of David – knowledge of the Messiah
- ▶ **Final condemnation**
 - Pride among men
 - Pride before God

Question about the Resurrection (12:18-27)

- ▶ A dishonest question
- ▶ Levirate Marriage – Deuteronomy 25:5-10
- ▶ A two-fold error
 - Denial of Scripture
 - Denial of God's power
- ▶ Answer: no marriage after resurrection

The Necessity of Resurrection (12:26-27)

- ▶ **Old Testament references to resurrection**
 - Job 19:25-27
 - Daniel 12:2
 - Genesis 22 – Abraham (Hebrews 11:17-19)
- ▶ **The lesson at the burning bush**
 - God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob
 - Not God of the dead
 - God of the living

Greatly Mistaken

- ▶ Hebrews 11:39 – died in hope
- ▶ Philippians 3:21 – “able to subdue all things”
- ▶ Ephesians 1:19-20 – mighty resurrection power
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 15:19 – “If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.”
- ▶ A denial of the eternal purpose of God

Question of the Great Commandment (12:28-34)

- ▶ Question exposes ignorance of the Law
- ▶ First: Love God exhaustively
 - Arises from faith – “the LORD is One”
 - Recognizes Jesus as God
- ▶ Second: Love your neighbor as yourself
 - Founded upon love for God
 - Display of God’s love
- ▶ Not far from the Kingdom of God

The Question of David's Son (12:35-37)

- ▶ **Scribes recognized Christ is the Son of David**
- ▶ **Psalm 110 – David speaks of the Messiah**
 - He is the King Priest to come
 - He is David's Lord
- ▶ **Answer: Christ is LORD – God in flesh**

Beware of the Scribes (12:38-40)

- ▶ **Scribes love personal honor, not God**
- ▶ **Scribes love themselves, not their neighbor**
- ▶ **Scribes practice fraudulent religion**
- ▶ **Greater condemnation**
- ▶ **The acursed fig tree**

A Final Illustration (12:41-44)

- ▶ **Jesus observes giving at the treasury**
- ▶ **Rich – gave much**
- ▶ **Poor widow – gave all**

The Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God

- ▶ **Jesus is the Christ**
- ▶ **Deny yourself, take up your cross, follow Him**
- ▶ **Beware of the error of the scribes!**