The Wisdom of Jesus
Mark 12:18-44

Jesus Christ, the Son of God
Lesson 17
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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!