

## GO DEEPER

use these questions for further study

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**Read Mark 11:27-12:34. Share 2-3 observations of what you see in the passage and then answer some or all of the following questions:**

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What does this reveal about their true motives?

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What is God's message through Isaiah?

How is Jesus' parable similar to Isaiah 5?

How is Jesus' parable different from Isaiah 5?

What is Jesus' main point and message through his parable?

Jesus quotes Psalm 118:22-24. Why? What does his use of it mean?

What is odd about Pharisees and Herodians working together?

Why are they willing to team up against Jesus?

Why do they ask Jesus specifically about the Roman poll tax?

How does Jesus demonstrate wisdom in his response?

What rightfully belongs to Caser? What rightfully belongs to God?

What does this mean for where our loyalty is to be directed?

The Sadducees don't believe in the resurrection (or angels) and only accept the first 5 books of the Hebrew Bible as scripture.

How does Jesus' response to them demonstrate wisdom?

How does his response prove them wrong?

How does his response demonstrate why it is important to read scripture closely and carefully paying attention to things as small as verb tense?

What is different about the scribe and how he interacts with Jesus?

Why does Jesus say he isn't far from the kingdom? What does this mean?

What does the scribe still need to do to cross in to the Kingdom?

People demonstrate different motives in approaching Jesus. Is there any way in which you are trying to get God to prove himself on your terms instead of simply seeking to "understand both the scriptures and the power of God?"

Jesus cites Dt 6:4-5 & Lev 19:18 as encompassing everything God has commanded of us. As a Jew, Jesus would have prayed Dt 6:4-5 2x every day. Try following his example by praying Mk 12:29-31 at morning and night each day this week.

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