

GOSPEL OF MARK
JESUS CHRIST, SERVANT OF GOD

1. HOW THE FATHER VIEWS US

- A. **MARK 12:1-44** HE THEN BEGAN TO SPEAK TO THEM IN PARABLES: "A MAN PLANTED A VINEYARD. HE PUT A WALL AROUND IT, DUG A PIT FOR THE WINEPRESS AND BUILT A WATCHTOWER. THEN HE RENTED THE VINEYARD TO SOME FARMERS AND WENT AWAY ON A JOURNEY. ²AT HARVEST TIME HE SENT A SERVANT TO THE TENANTS TO COLLECT FROM THEM SOME OF THE FRUIT OF THE VINEYARD. ³BUT THEY SEIZED HIM, BEAT HIM AND SENT HIM AWAY EMPTY-HANDED. ⁴THEN HE SENT ANOTHER SERVANT TO THEM; THEY STRUCK THIS MAN ON THE HEAD AND TREATED HIM SHAMEFULLY. ⁵HE SENT STILL ANOTHER, AND THAT ONE THEY KILLED. HE SENT MANY OTHERS; SOME OF THEM THEY BEAT, OTHERS THEY KILLED. ⁶"HE HAD ONE LEFT TO SEND, A SON, WHOM HE LOVED. HE SENT HIM LAST OF ALL, SAYING, 'THEY WILL RESPECT MY SON.' ⁷"BUT THE TENANTS SAID TO ONE ANOTHER, 'THIS IS THE HEIR. COME, LET'S KILL HIM, AND THE INHERITANCE WILL BE OURS.' ⁸SO THEY TOOK HIM AND KILLED HIM, AND THREW HIM OUT OF THE VINEYARD. ⁹"WHAT THEN WILL THE OWNER OF THE VINEYARD DO? HE WILL COME AND KILL THOSE TENANTS AND GIVE THE VINEYARD TO OTHERS. ¹⁰HAVEN'T YOU READ THIS SCRIPTURE: "THE STONE THE BUILDERS REJECTED HAS BECOME THE CAPSTONE; ¹¹THE LORD HAS DONE THIS, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES'?"
- I. THIS IS A CHARGE AGAINST THE JEWISH NATION, THEY HAD TURNED THE KINGDOM OF GOD INTO A PRIVATE POSSESSION.
- II. WE HAVE SEEN HOW THEY CHANGED THE WORD OF GOD TO FIT THEIR PURPOSES.
- III. HOW THEY REGARDED GODS' MESSENGERS.
- IV. WHAT THEY WILL DO WITH THE SON OF GOD, AND AGAIN YOU ARE SEEING IT REPEATED, THE KINGDOM WILL BE TAKEN FROM THEM AND GIVEN TO THE GENTILES.
- V. WHAT DID THEY DO, THEY TOOK THEIR EYES OFF OF GOD, AND PUT THEIR EYES ON MAN.
- VI. 7TH OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY FULFILLED
- VII. THE WORD IS CLEAR, JESUS IS THE CAPSTONE [CORNER STONE] HE IS THE IMPORTANT ONE IN THE NEW COVENANT. LET US NOT DO WHAT THE JEWISH NATION DID, LET US NOT THINK THAT WE ARE THE NEW LANDOWNERS. LET US LOOK TO CHRIST FOR OUR LEADERSHIP. THE HOLY SPIRIT WANTS TO LEAD, LETS LET HIM.

2. QUESTION OF TRIBUTE MONEY - WHAT DO YOU OWE THE GOVERNMENT

- A. **MARK 12:** ¹²THEN THEY LOOKED FOR A WAY TO ARREST HIM BECAUSE THEY KNEW HE HAD SPOKEN THE PARABLE AGAINST THEM. BUT THEY WERE AFRAID OF THE CROWD; SO THEY LEFT HIM AND WENT AWAY. ¹³LATER THEY SENT SOME OF THE PHARISEES AND HERODIANS TO JESUS TO CATCH HIM IN HIS WORDS. ¹⁴THEY CAME TO HIM AND SAID, "TEACHER, WE KNOW YOU ARE A MAN OF INTEGRITY. YOU AREN'T SWAYED BY MEN, BECAUSE YOU PAY NO ATTENTION TO WHO THEY ARE; BUT YOU TEACH THE WAY OF GOD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TRUTH. IS IT RIGHT TO PAY TAXES TO CAESAR OR NOT? ¹⁵SHOULD WE PAY OR SHOULDN'T WE?" BUT JESUS KNEW THEIR HYPOCRISY. "WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO TRAP ME?" HE ASKED. "BRING ME A DENARIUS AND LET ME LOOK AT IT." ¹⁶THEY BROUGHT THE COIN, AND HE ASKED THEM, "WHOSE PORTRAIT IS THIS? AND WHOSE INSCRIPTION?" "CAESAR'S," THEY REPLIED. ¹⁷THEN JESUS SAID TO THEM, "GIVE TO CAESAR WHAT IS CAESAR'S AND TO GOD WHAT IS GOD'S." AND THEY WERE AMAZED AT

HIM.

3. THE SADDUCEES [THE LIBERALS OF THAT TIME] QUESTION JESUS!

A. MARK 12:¹⁸THEN THE SADDUCEES, WHO SAY THERE IS NO RESURRECTION, CAME TO HIM WITH A QUESTION. ¹⁹"TEACHER," THEY SAID, "MOSES WROTE FOR US THAT IF A MAN'S BROTHER DIES AND LEAVES A WIFE BUT NO CHILDREN, THE MAN MUST MARRY THE WIDOW AND HAVE CHILDREN FOR HIS BROTHER. ²⁰NOW THERE WERE SEVEN BROTHERS. THE FIRST ONE MARRIED AND DIED WITHOUT LEAVING ANY CHILDREN. ²¹THE SECOND ONE MARRIED THE WIDOW, BUT HE ALSO DIED, LEAVING NO CHILD. IT WAS THE SAME WITH THE THIRD. ²²IN FACT, NONE OF THE SEVEN LEFT ANY CHILDREN. LAST OF ALL, THE WOMAN DIED TOO. ²³AT THE RESURRECTION WHOSE WIFE WILL SHE BE, SINCE THE SEVEN WERE MARRIED TO HER?" ²⁴JESUS REPLIED, "**ARE YOU NOT IN ERROR BECAUSE YOU DO NOT KNOW THE SCRIPTURES OR THE POWER OF GOD?** ²⁵WHEN THE DEAD RISE, THEY WILL NEITHER MARRY NOR BE GIVEN IN MARRIAGE; THEY WILL BE LIKE THE ANGELS IN HEAVEN. ²⁶NOW ABOUT THE DEAD RISING--HAVE YOU NOT READ IN THE BOOK OF MOSES, IN THE ACCOUNT OF THE BUSH, HOW GOD SAID TO HIM, 'I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB'? ²⁷HE IS NOT THE GOD OF THE DEAD, BUT OF THE LIVING. YOU ARE BADLY MISTAKEN!"

I. SADDUCEES NOT ONLY DENIED THE RESURRECTION, BUT ALSO ANGELS AND SPIRITS. THEY BELIEVE IN THE HISTORICAL MOSES BUT NOT ALL HIS DOCTRINE. JUST AS MANY PEOPLE TODAY DO NOT REALIZE IT, THEY BELIEVE IN THE HISTORICAL JESUS BUT NOT ALL HIS DOCTRINE.

II. 19TH NEW TESTAMENT PROPHECY

III. THEY THOUGHT CHRIST COULD NEVER ANSWER THIS ONE, BUT AS ALWAYS DIVINE WISDOM HAD AN ANSWER. SUCH CLEAR CUT ANSWERS, SUCH ENLIGHTENMENT ON SCRIPTURES THEY HAD NEVER HEARD.

IV. UNSAVED PROFESSORS AND TEACHERS TODAY CAN QUOTE SCRIPTURE, BUT THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND IT.

V. RESURRECTED SAINTS WILL NOT LIVE IN MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP TO REPRODUCE THEIR KIND IN EXISTENCE AS WHEN IN THE MORTAL STATE, BUT BE LIKE THE ANGELS WHO WERE CREATED INNUMERABLE AND IMMORTAL WHO DO NOT DIE OR MULTIPLY, HENCE THEY HAVE NO NEED OF A MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP TO PRODUCE THEIR OWN KIND.

VI. WHAT JESUS SAY HERE, "ABRAHAM, ISAAC AND JACOB ARE STILL ALIVE, BUT DEAD PHYSICALLY, THIS THEN MEANS THAT THEIR SOUL AND SPIRIT ARE ALIVE, SHOWING IMMORTALITY OF ALL SOULS AND SPIRITS. [ANDY'S QUESTION TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN REINCARNATION, DO YOU BELIEVE MAN OR JESUS?

4. A REAL QUESTION - A DESIRE TO LEARN - THE HOLY SPIRIT TODAY IS STILL LOOKING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE A DESIRE TO LEARN

A. MARK 12:²⁸ONE OF THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW CAME AND HEARD THEM DEBATING. NOTICING THAT JESUS HAD GIVEN THEM A GOOD ANSWER, HE ASKED HIM, "OF ALL THE COMMANDMENTS, WHICH IS THE MOST IMPORTANT?" ²⁹"**THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE,**" ANSWERED JESUS, "**IS THIS: 'HEAR, O ISRAEL, THE LORD OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE.** ³⁰**LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.'** ³¹THE SECOND IS THIS: 'LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' THERE IS NO COMMANDMENT GREATER THAN THESE." ³²"WELL SAID, TEACHER," THE MAN REPLIED. "YOU ARE RIGHT IN SAYING THAT GOD IS

ONE AND THERE IS NO OTHER BUT HIM. ³³TO LOVE HIM WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND TO LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ALL BURNT OFFERINGS AND SACRIFICES."

³⁴WHEN JESUS SAW THAT HE HAD ANSWERED WISELY, HE SAID TO HIM, "**YOU ARE NOT FAR FROM THE KINGDOM OF GOD.**" AND FROM THEN ON NO ONE DARED ASK HIM ANY MORE QUESTIONS.

I. **DEUT. 6:2-4** SO THAT YOU, YOUR CHILDREN AND THEIR CHILDREN AFTER THEM MAY FEAR THE LORD YOUR GOD AS LONG AS YOU LIVE BY KEEPING ALL HIS DECREES AND COMMANDS THAT I GIVE YOU, AND SO THAT YOU MAY ENJOY LONG LIFE. ³HEAR, O ISRAEL, AND BE CAREFUL TO OBEY SO THAT IT MAY GO WELL WITH YOU AND THAT YOU MAY INCREASE GREATLY IN A LAND FLOWING WITH MILK AND HONEY, JUST AS THE LORD, THE GOD OF YOUR FATHERS, PROMISED YOU. ⁴HEAR, O ISRAEL: THE LORD OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE.

II. **LEVITICUS 19:18** "DO NOT SEEK REVENGE OR BEAR A GRUDGE AGAINST ONE OF YOUR PEOPLE, BUT LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF. I AM THE LORD.

(1) THE COMMAND DEMANDS COMPLETE CONSECRATION AND OBEDIENCE OF THE WHOLE BODY, SOUL, AND SPIRIT.

(A) ALL THE INNERMOST BEING

(B) ALL THE POWERS OF THE MIND, WILL, INTELLIGENCE AND CONSCIENCE

(C) ALL THE POWERS OF THE SOUL; EMOTIONS, PASSIONS, AND DESIRES

(I) AND IF WE THINK WE CAN DO THIS WITH OUT THE LORD, TAKE A LOOK AT THE SECOND, YOU MUST LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR IN LIKE MANNER.

(II) THE QUESTION, WHO CAN DO IT?

(III) THE TEACHER SAYS THAT THIS IS BETTER THAN BURNT OFFERINGS!

(IV) WHY THE STATEMENT "YOU ARE NOT FAR FROM THE KINGDOM OF GOD, WHY NOT YOUR ARE RIGHT ON!

(V) THE TEACHER KNEW THE LAW WHICH CONDEMNS ALL MEN, THE TRUE PURPOSE OF THE LAW.

1) **ROMANS 3:19** NOW WE KNOW THAT WHATEVER THE LAW SAYS, IT SAYS TO THOSE WHO ARE UNDER THE LAW, SO THAT EVERY MOUTH MAY BE SILENCED AND THE WHOLE WORLD HELD ACCOUNTABLE TO GOD.

2) **ROMANS 10:3-5** SINCE THEY DID NOT KNOW THE RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT COMES FROM GOD AND SOUGHT TO ESTABLISH THEIR OWN, THEY DID NOT SUBMIT TO GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS. ⁴CHRIST IS THE END OF THE LAW SO THAT THERE MAY BE RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES.

⁵MOSES DESCRIBES IN THIS WAY THE RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT IS BY THE LAW: "THE MAN WHO DOES THESE THINGS WILL LIVE BY THEM."

(D) JUST AS THE LAW SILENCES MAN, JESUS NOW THE FULFILLMENT OF THE LAW, SILENCES THESE MEN.

(E) THE WORD OF GOD IS NOT LITERATURE THAT CAN BE READ AS ANY OTHER BOOK, IT IS THE LIVING WORD OF GOD, THAT MUST BE MEDITATED AND PRAYED OVER. EVEN A CHILD CAN UNDERSTAND IT'S SAVING GRACE, BUT THE THINGS OF GOD ARE FOR THE MATURE BELIEVER.

5. JESUS NOW QUESTIONS THE PHARISEES [THE CONSERVATIVES]

A. **MARK 12:**³⁵WHILE JESUS WAS TEACHING IN THE TEMPLE COURTS, HE ASKED, "**HOW IS IT THAT THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW SAY THAT THE CHRIST IS THE SON OF DAVID?**" ³⁶DAVID HIMSELF, SPEAKING BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, DECLARED: "THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD: 'SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND UNTIL I PUT YOUR ENEMIES UNDER YOUR FEET.'" ³⁷**DAVID HIMSELF**

CALLS HIM 'LORD.' HOW THEN CAN HE BE HIS SON?"THE LARGE CROWD LISTENED TO HIM WITH DELIGHT.

I. **PSALM 110:1** OF DAVID. A PSALM. THE LORD SAYS TO MY LORD: "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET."

(1) JESUS IS TEACHING US WHO THE WRITER OF THE BIBLE IS.

(2) HE IS ALSO SHOWING US THAT THERE IS MORE THAN ONE MEANING OF "LORD"

(3) AGAIN WE POINT OUT, CHRIST MEANS THE ANOINTED ONE.

(4) 7TH OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY FULFILLED.

6. NOW JESUS WARNS ALL BELIEVERS

A. MARK 12:³⁸AS HE TAUGHT, JESUS SAID, "**WATCH OUT FOR THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW. THEY LIKE TO WALK AROUND IN FLOWING ROBES AND BE GREETED IN THE MARKETPLACES,**³⁹AND HAVE THE MOST IMPORTANT SEATS IN THE SYNAGOGUES AND THE PLACES OF HONOR AT BANQUETS. ⁴⁰THEY DEVOUR WIDOWS' HOUSES AND FOR A SHOW MAKE LENGTHY PRAYERS. SUCH MEN WILL BE PUNISHED MOST SEVERELY."

I. SIX SIGNS OF A HYPOCRITE - - - WE ALWAYS HAVE THEM WITH US.

(1) PARADE AROUND IN FINE CLOTHING [THEY WILL LET YOU KNOW THE COST OF THEIR SUITES]

(2) LOVE SALUTATIONS IN PUBLIC [LOVE TO BE KNOWN AND RECOGNIZED]

(3) THEY WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE CHIEF SEATS IN CHURCHES WHERE EVER THEY GO.

(4) THEY WILL SET AT THE HEAD TABLE AT THE BANQUETTES.

(5) THEY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WIDOWS, [THEY WILL HAVE GREAT WEALTH TAKEN FROM WIDOWS]

(6) MAKE LONG ELOQUENT PRAYERS

7. JESUS SHOWS WHAT GOD VIEWS AS WEALTH

A. MARK 12:⁴¹JESUS SAT DOWN OPPOSITE THE PLACE WHERE THE OFFERINGS WERE PUT AND WATCHED THE CROWD PUTTING THEIR MONEY INTO THE TEMPLE TREASURY. MANY RICH PEOPLE THREW IN LARGE AMOUNTS. ⁴²BUT A POOR WIDOW CAME AND PUT IN TWO VERY SMALL COPPER COINS, WORTH ONLY A FRACTION OF A PENNY. ⁴³CALLING HIS DISCIPLES TO HIM, JESUS SAID, "**I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, THIS POOR WIDOW HAS PUT MORE INTO THE TREASURY THAN ALL THE OTHERS.**"⁴⁴THEY ALL GAVE OUT OF THEIR WEALTH; BUT SHE, OUT OF HER POVERTY, PUT IN EVERYTHING--ALL SHE HAD TO LIVE ON."

I. JESUS DID NOT CRITICIZE WHAT THE WOMAN DID, MANY BLAME THE POOR WIDOWS WHEN UNSCRUPULOUS PEOPLE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEM. IT IS THE UNGODLY THAT NEED TO BE CONCERNED.

II. NOW WE CAN CLEARLY SEE THE TYPE OF GIVING THAT GETS THE ATTENTION OF GOD

III. IF YOU ARE GOING TO TRY AND BUY GOD S' FAVOR [AND MANY PEOPLE DO] YOU WILL HAVE TO GIVE ALL THAT YOU HAVE TO OTHERS.

IV. THE TREASURY WAS 200 FT SQUARE IN THE WOMEN'S COURT. IT HAD 13 RECEPTACLES SHAPED LIKE TRUMPETS AND LABELED FOR THEIR SPECIAL PURPOSES. NINE WERE FOR LEGAL DUES AND FOUR FOR FREE WILL OFFERINGS.