

THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS THE MESSIAH



THE GOSPEL OF  
**MARK**

**Mark 12:13-34**

**Truth Triumphs Over Traps**

Mark 12

<sup>13</sup> Later the leaders sent some Pharisees and supporters of Herod to trap Jesus into saying something for which he could be arrested. <sup>14</sup> “Teacher,” they said, “we know how honest you are. You are impartial and don’t play favorites. You teach the way of God truthfully. Now tell us— is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not? <sup>15</sup> Should we pay them, or shouldn’t we?” Jesus saw through their hypocrisy and said, “Why are you trying to trap me? Show me a Roman coin, and I’ll tell you.”

<sup>16</sup> When they handed it to him, he asked, “Whose picture and title are stamped on it?” “Caesar’s,” they replied. <sup>17</sup> “Well, then,” Jesus said, “give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God.” His reply completely amazed them.





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**OUR CALLING IS TO GIVE FULL  
ALLEGIANCE TO GOD ALONE**



<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus was approached by some Sadducees—religious leaders who say there is no resurrection from the dead. They posed this question: <sup>19</sup> “Teacher, Moses gave us a law that if a man dies, leaving a wife without children, his brother should marry the widow and have a child who will carry on the brother’s name. <sup>20</sup> Well, suppose there were seven brothers. The oldest one married and then died without children.



<sup>21</sup> So the second brother married the widow, but he also died without children. Then the third brother married her. <sup>22</sup> This continued with all seven of them, and still there were no children. Last of all, the woman also died. <sup>23</sup> So tell us, whose wife will she be in the resurrection? For all seven were married to her.” <sup>24</sup> Jesus replied, “Your mistake is that you don’t know the Scriptures, and you don’t know the power of God. <sup>25</sup> For when the dead rise, they will neither marry nor be given in marriage. In this respect they will be like the angels in heaven.

<sup>26</sup> “But now, as to whether the dead will be raised—haven’t you ever read about this in the writings of Moses, in the story of the burning bush? Long after Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob had died, God said to Moses, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ <sup>27</sup> So he is the God of the living, not the dead. You have made a serious error.”





**SORRY,  
NO  
RETURNS**



**OUR CALLING IS TO PARTICIPATE IN  
GOD'S REDEMPTION OF LIFE**



<sup>28</sup> One of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realized that Jesus had answered well, so he asked, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus replied, “The most important commandment is this: ‘Listen, O Israel! The LORD our God is the one and only LORD. <sup>30</sup> And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’ <sup>31</sup> The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.”

<sup>32</sup> The teacher of religious law replied, “Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth by saying that there is only one God and no other. <sup>33</sup> And I know it is important to love him with all my heart and all my understanding and all my strength, and to love my neighbor as myself. This is more important than to offer all of the burnt offerings and sacrifices required in the law.” <sup>34</sup> Realizing how much the man understood, Jesus said to him, “You are not far from the Kingdom of God.” And after that, no one dared to ask him any more questions.





**OUR CALLING IS TO LEARN TO LOVE GOD  
AND LEARN TO LOVE PEOPLE**



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