

An Invitation into His Narrative – Part 2

Mark 12:13–27
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I. Jewish opponents attempt to usurp Jesus' authority (12:13–17)

A. Human narrative – pay the power (12:13–14)

1. Enemies unify against Christ (12:13)
2. Enemies set the political trap (12:14)
 - a. Shall we pay taxes to Caesar?
 - b. Shall we not pay taxes to Caesar?

B. Divine Narrative (12:15–17)

1. Key question
2. Loyalty to the likeness (12:17)
 - a. Render to Caesar
 - b. Render to God

II. Jewish opponents attempt to undermine the word of God (12:18–27)

A. Their hypothetical reveals the hypothetical (12:18–23)

1. Absence of belief (12:18)
2. Absurdity of case (12:19–23)

B. Scripture reveals resurrection power (12:24–28)

1. Truth of resurrection (12:25)
2. Truth of the word (12:26–27)

Discussion Questions

1. What is one fact or perceived truth that you believed to be true until Scripture revealed it to you as an untruth?
2. Pay what you owe. What do you need to give back to the government? What do you need to give back to God?

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