

Sermon Scripture Passages – Mark 12:13-27

13 And they sent to him some of the Pharisees and some of the Herodians, to trap him in his talk. 14 And they came and said to him, “Teacher, we know that you are true and do not care about anyone's opinion. For you are not swayed by appearances, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?” 15 But, knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, “Why put me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me look at it.” 16 And they brought one. And he said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” They said to him, “Caesar's.” 17 Jesus said to them, “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.” And they marveled at him.

18 And Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection. And they asked him a question, saying, 19 “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife, but leaves no child, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. 20 There were seven brothers; the first took a wife, and when he died left no offspring. 21 And the second took her, and died, leaving no offspring. And the third likewise. 22 And the seven left no offspring. Last of all the woman also died. 23 In the resurrection, when they rise again, whose wife will she be? For the seven had her as wife.”

24 Jesus said to them, “Is this not the reason you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God? 25 For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. 26 And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God spoke to him, saying, ‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? 27 He is not God of the dead, but of the living. You are quite wrong.”

Reference Verses:

Romans 13:1-4 - *Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God...*

Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, 4 for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.

2 Corinthians 4:5 - *For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.*

1 Peter 3:15 – *but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,*

Mark 12:28 - *And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?”*

East Glenville Church – Sermon Notes Handout – March 21st 2021
Messiah & Savior #10 – Mark 12:13-27 – It’s a Trap!

Mark 12 – The opponents of Jesus fear his popularity with the people so they each try to set a trap, that they might _____ him before the people.

The Opponents of Jesus:

The Herodians: Team _____ – Those loyal to Herod Antipas who ruled in Galilee

The Pharisees: Team _____ – A conservative Jewish group that advocated religious renewal through strict adherence to the Law.

The Sadducees: Team _____ – The party of the high priest and his people. They accepted the Law but not the _____ and rejected the idea of a Resurrection.

Trap #1 – Is it permitted to pay the census tax to Rome?

How does Jesus evade their trap?

Trap #2 – In the Resurrection, which of the seven brothers will be the husband?

Jesus: The Sadducees know neither the _____ nor the _____ of God.

Trap #3 – Which is the greatest commandment in the Law?

The scribes were more interesting in _____ the Law than _____ it.

The scribe: Yes! To love God and love others is much greater than offering _____.

Why is he “not far” from the Kingdom of God?

What are the questions the people in the world are asking about our faith in Christ?

Three Strategies for EGCC to answer the difficult questions:

Sermon Handout Answers from March 21st 2021

Pastor Mitch – Messiah & Savior #10 – Mark 12:13-27 – It's a Trap!

Fill-in-the-blank Answers:

- Discredit
- Rome
- Torah
- Temple
- Scriptures
- Power
- Debating
- Living
- Sacrifices
-

Three Strategies for EGCC to answer the difficult questions:

1. Proclaiming Christ through being humble servants in our community.
2. Teaching/sharing how our faith in Christ make sense.
3. Learning to love God and love others as we follow Jesus together