



Mariner's **DISCOVERY Church**

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Program for Sunday, August 27, 2023

Call to Worship: *Oceans*

Call to Worship: *Here I Am to Worship*

Welcome, announcements, and prayer:

- **Welcome and Thanks for joining us today!!!!**
- **The Weekly Bible Study is meeting this week.** We will be finishing #7, which is on the back table. We will meet in the green residential house at the property at 1641 Bixler Road, on Wednesday at 6:00 PM.
- **We have another fundraiser.** We are collecting sneakers in any (yes, any!) condition. There is a garbage can lined with a black bag in the carport of the green house on the property. Please put your sneakers in there.
- **Attention ALL ladies,** Mark your calendar for this Saturday, August 5th, at 9:00 AM Breakfast at LaFuente Restaurant in Brentwood.
- **Attention ALL gentlemen,** Mark your calendar for this Saturday, August 5th, at 9:00 AM Breakfast at Jalisco's Restaurant in Brentwood.
- **The "GoFundMe" fundraiser website for MDC has been updated** for the Property Building Project. It is going well. If you're interested in donating please go to our website: www.OurMDC.org and click on the link. **You can also pick up a few business cards at the back table with the QR code to share with family & friends.**
- **Please pick up Connect Cards/Envelopes** in the back for offerings, prayer requests and place it in one of the offering boxes. **Please note**, for pledge card donations, please mark your gift "BF" or "Building Fund."
- **Thank you for your continued financial support of MDC.**
 - Tithes & Offerings Budget (need) (as of 6/30/23): \$78,478
 - Actual Tithes and Offerings received: \$54,428

Net Shortfall: \$-24,050
- **Please contact us** for any needs, suggestions, or prayer requests:
 - Pastor Larry Quinnell - PastorLarry@OurMDC.org
 - General Info. - Info@OurMDC.org
 - Prayer requests - PrayerRequest@OurMDC.org

Adoration: *What a Beautiful Name*

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Message: *The New King answers the conservative liberal religionist.*

Response/Affirmation: *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

Assurance/Sending: *Mighty to Save*

Close of Service

Message Notes:

Friday Devotional: John 9:24-25 So a second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give glory to God; we know that this man is a sinner." 25 He then answered, "Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

The enemy of my enemy is my friend.

Herodians	Pharisees
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Least religious.• Politics determine action.• Most concerned law of Rome.• Most devoted to Caesar.• The Pharisees are what is wrong with Israel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Most religious.• Religion determines action.• Most concerned law of God.• Most devoted to Israel.• The Herodians are what is wrong with Israel.

More background: Poll Tax

- Like a census, enacted in AD 6.
- Inspired small revolt by Judas of Galilee.
 - Felt it was symbol of submission, slavery.
- Revolt squashed. Revolt remembered (Acts 5).
- Farm worker's one day's wage.

More background: Denarius:

Question by Jesus; They are testing Him.

- Jesus questions their motivation.
 - Not seeking truth.
 - Not seeking an answer, but ammunition.
- Intent is to:
 - De-Popularize Jesus or
 - Catch Jesus saying something seditious.
- They eventually lied anyway: Luke 23:2 And they began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is Christ, a King."



Using questions to determine motivation:

- Issue is the heart of the person.
- "If you found Christianity to be true, would you follow Jesus Christ?"
- Most people who have questions want wiggle room.

What does that mean for me?

- I owe the government.
- I owe obedience.
- I owe taxes.
- I owe custom.
- I owe honor.

Takeaways:

- Even if you do not respect the person, respect the position.
- Pay the government what you owe (not more than what you owe!). Even if it is evil?

- We are responsible for paying. The government is responsible for what it does with the money. And we can exert whatever influence we may have.
- God is interested in transforming hearts.
- Sometimes, their question is not in pursuit of truth, but they are gathering ammunition.
- Sometimes it is better to answer with a biblical principle than a yes or no.
- Use their question to build a bridge to the Christian faith.

Proverbs 15:28a The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer,
The Image of God belongs to God.

- I owe Him honor.
- I owe Him obedience.
- I owe Him loyalty.
- I owe Him worship.

Mark 12:18-27 Some Sadducees (who say that there is no resurrection) came to Jesus, and began questioning Him, saying, 19 "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that IF A MAN'S BROTHER DIES and leaves behind a wife AND LEAVES NO CHILD, HIS BROTHER SHOULD MARRY THE WIFE AND RAISE UP CHILDREN TO HIS BROTHER. 20 "There were seven brothers; and the first took a wife, and died leaving no children. 21 "The second one married her, and died leaving behind no children; and the third likewise; 22 and so all seven left no children. Last of all the woman died also. 23 "In the resurrection, when they rise again, which one's wife will she be? For all seven had married her." 24 Jesus said to them, "Is this not the reason you are mistaken, that you do not understand the Scriptures or 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 "But regarding the fact that the dead rise again, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the burning 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 the God of the dead, but of the living; you are greatly mistaken."

Deuteronomy 25:5-7 "When brothers live together and one of them dies and has no son, the wife of the deceased shall not be married outside the family to a strange man. Her husband's brother shall go in to her and take her to himself as wife and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her. 6 "It shall be that the firstborn whom she bears shall assume the name of his dead brother, so that his name will not be blotted out from Israel.

Exodus 3:4-6 When the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." 5 Then He said, "Do not come near here; remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." 6 He said also, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Then Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Who are the Sadducees?

- Wealthy Aristocratic Political / Religious party (go along to get along).
- Annas/ Caiaphas (High Priests) likely belonged.
- Believe in God.
- Do not believe in the supernatural:

- Resurrection.
- Spiritual realm, (no angels no demons).
- Heaven, Judgment, Afterlife.
- Only Pentateuch (1st 5 books), Moses
 - Not writings (Poetry, Wisdom, History, Prophets).
- Minority Party.
- Party died out by AD 70 (destruction of Jerusalem).

Who are the Sadducees today?

- Religious people with a hidden agenda.
- Use scripture against scripture to pose a question.
 - Do not believe scripture. Do not believe in the power of God.
- If it does not make sense, the intent is to derail traditional faith.
- Deny the biblically defined spiritual realm.
- Especially sensitive to hypocrisy in the church.
- Religious belief has to support their lifestyle choices.
- My theology is more about _____ than _____.
- Peel away parts of traditional beliefs that do not fit.
- Go along to get along. There are no absolutes.
- Deny a major biblical doctrine:
 - Heaven, Hell, Judgment, Jesus as God, Jesus as Savior. Deny Supernatural.
- These are NOT people with honest questions.

Jesus Himself is the Guarantor

John 16:27 for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came forth from the Father

John 17:3 "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

How do we respond?

- Discern their intent.
- If it is open, and honest query, try to answer it.
- If it is an attempt to derail your faith, respond.
- Use queries of your own:
 - What do you believe?
 - Why do you believe that?
 - How did you come to believe that?
 - How is that authoritative in your life?
 - What causes you to change what you believe?
 - What if you are wrong?
- Keep on praying for them.

You are not alone. God is with you! MDC wants to help. We are here for you.

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