

The Gospel of Mark

Chapter Twelve

1. Is the Parable of the Tenants a parable or an allegory?
2. Where in the Old Testament do we find a similar story?
3. Who is the owner of the vineyard?
4. Who are the servants he sends to collect his rent?
5. What happens to them?
6. Who does he finally send?
7. What is special about him?
8. Why does Jesus use this particular allegory?
9. After the last messenger is killed, what happens to the vineyard?
10. Who are the others?
11. What historical event is Jesus prophesying with this story?
12. The quote that Jesus uses is from what Old Testament passage?
13. Who ultimately controls the destiny of Israel?
14. Why do the Jewish leaders not arrest Jesus at this point?
15. What is the deviousness of the question posed by the Pharisees and Herodians?
16. What is the difference between these two groups?
17. With his answer does Jesus encourage cooperation with the Romans?
18. What is the distinguishing belief of the Sadducees?
19. Why do they hold this particular belief?
20. What is the purpose of the question they pose to Jesus?
21. What is the Jewish law they quote?
22. Where is it found?
23. What does Jesus teach us about the afterlife?
24. What is the purpose of Jesus' quote from Exodus?
25. What is the relationship between the four groups mentioned in this chapter, Pharisees, Herodians, Sadducees and Scribes?
26. What is the opening of Jesus answer to the Scribe called in Jewish liturgy?
27. What truths does it reveal to us about Jewish belief?
28. What other religious beliefs does it contradict?
29. Is Jesus' second part about love of neighbor found in Jewish scripture?
30. What type of reasoning is Jesus using when He says that the Messiah is David's son?
31. What does Jesus mean by claiming that Messiahship?

32. How do the people interpret it?
33. Why do they react with delight?
34. What term do we use today, especially in light of recent events involving clergy, to describe what Jesus cautions here against the Scribes?
35. What is the greatest sin of these men?
36. What are the three lessons Jesus gives us in the story of the Widow's Mite?