

The Beginning of The Gospel of Jesus Christ Pt 15 (Mark 12)

Are you not in error because you do not know the Scriptures?

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Flattery Only Works On Other Flatterers

Mark 12:13-14a Later they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Jesus to catch Him in His words. They came to Him and said, "Teacher, we know You are a man of integrity. You aren't swayed by men, because You pay no attention to who they are; but You teach the way of God in accordance with the truth."

The Lord Understands Politics Because He Ordains Them

Mark 12:14b-17 "Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not? Should we pay, or shouldn't we?" But Jesus knew their hypocrisy. "**Why are you trying to trap Me?**" He asked. "Bring Me a denarius and let Me look at it." They brought the coin and He asked them, "Whose portrait and inscription is this? "Caesar's," they replied. Then Jesus said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." And they were amazed at Him.

Romans 13:1-2 Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, **for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.** Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.

Personal Opinions Repeatedly Clash With Biblical Truth

Mark 12:18-22 Then the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him with a question. "Teacher," they said, "Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and have children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first one married and died without leaving any children. The second one married the widow, but he also died, leaving no child. It was the same with the third. In fact, none of the seven left any children. Last of all, the woman died too.

Biblical Illiteracy Causes Ignorance of God's Teachings and Power

Mark 12:23-25 At the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?" Jesus replied, "Are you not in error **because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God?** When the dead rise, they will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven.

God's Power Over Death Is Absolute

Mark 12:26-27 Now about the dead rising--have you not read in the book of Moses, in the account of the bush, how God said to him, 'I Am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? **He is not the God of the dead, but of the living.** You are badly mistaken!"

The Lord Has Answers For Every Area of Life Politics, Life and Death; In All Biblical Truth

Mark 12:28 One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked Him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

Obedience To God's Word Is Summed Up By How We Live Towards God and One Another

Mark 12:29-31 "The most important one," answered Jesus, "Is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:32-33 "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is One and there is no other but Him. To love Him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

Understanding How To Love God and Each Other With Perfection Should Cause Us To SEE JESUS!

Mark 12:34 When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, He said to him, "**You are not far from the kingdom of God.**" And from then on no one dared ask Him any more questions.

Recognizing Jesus Correctly Requires a Correct Understanding of Biblical Revelation

Mark 12:35-37 While Jesus was teaching in the temple courts, he asked, "How is it that the teachers of the law say that the Christ is the son of David? David himself, speaking by the Holy Spirit, declared: "The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand until I put Your enemies under Your feet." **David himself calls Him 'Lord.' How then can he be His son?"** The crowd listened to Him with delight.

False Teachers and Saviors Are In It For Personal Profit and Recognition

Mark 12:38-40 As He taught, Jesus said, "Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted in the marketplaces and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. Such men will be punished most severely!"

