

MARKED BY JESUS

21. “Why You Asking All These Questions?”

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Sermon Notes

The Resurrection Life IS ONE OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. James 1:5

I. Mark 11:27-12:12

They arrived again in Jerusalem, and while Jesus was walking in the temple courts, the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders came to him. ²⁸ “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you authority to do this?” ²⁹ Jesus replied, “I will ask you one question. Answer me.. ³⁰ John’s baptism—was it from heaven, or of human origin? Tell me!” ...Jesus then began to speak to them in parables: “A man planted a vineyard...Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ² At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants to collect from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. ³ But they seized him, beat him and sent him away empty-handed....“He had one left to send, a son, whom he loved. He sent him last of all,saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ⁷ “But the tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’... ¹² Then the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders looked for a way to arrest him...

When we Question God DON’T MAKE YOUR QUESTION A STATEMENT, REMEMBER HE’S IN CHARGE

Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching...These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. John 14:23-24

II. Mark 12:13-17

Later they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Jesus to catch him in his words...Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?...But Jesus knew their hypocrisy. “Why are you trying to trap me?” he asked...¹⁷ Then Jesus said to them, “Give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s.”

When we Question God DON’T ASSUME HE’S ON YOUR SIDE EVEN THOUGH HE’S FOR YOU

Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, “Are you for us or for our enemies?”¹⁴ “Neither,” he replied, “but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come.” Joshua 5:13-14

III. Mark 12:18-27

Then the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question. ¹⁹ “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 raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁰ Now there were seven brothers...At the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?” ²⁴ Jesus replied, “Are you not in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God?...

When we Question God DON’T ALLOW YOUR INTELLIGENCE TO CLOUD YOUR UNDERSTANDING

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written: ‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.’ 1 Corinthians 1:18-20

IV. Mark 12:28-34

²⁸ One of the teachers of the law came... he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?” ²⁹ “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this... ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ ³¹ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’... 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.

When we Question God SINCERELY SEEK AN ANSWER

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the

door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Matthew 7:7-8