

The Gospel of Mark

"Not Far from the Kingdom!"

Mark 12:18-34



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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 raise up offspring 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. At the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?"

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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.

Now about the dead rising — have you not read in the Book of Moses, in the account of the burning 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!'"

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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?"

"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.

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"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."

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.

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1 + 2 "Questioners"

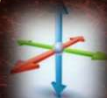
Pharisees & Herodians (Political alliance) -
"... in order to trap Him..." (12:13)

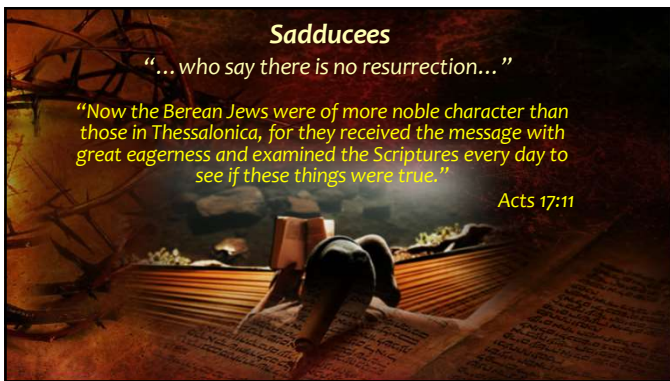
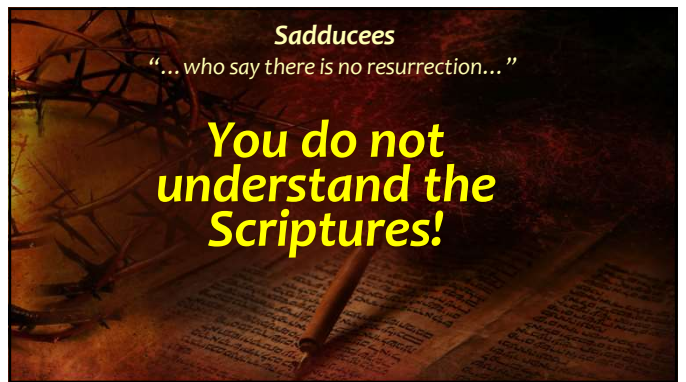
Sadducees -

"... who say there is no resurrection..."

One of the Teachers of the Law (Pharisee) -

"... heard them debating..."
"Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer..."





Sadducees
 "... who say there is no resurrection..."

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 BUT OF THE
 LIVING
 MARK 12:2

"You are greatly mistaken!"
 (NASB)

One of the Teachers of the Law
 "... who heard Him..."

"... recognized He had given them a good answer..."

Discernment!

One of the Teachers of the Law
 "... who heard Him..."

"... recognized He had given them a good answer..."

Beautiful! Honorable!

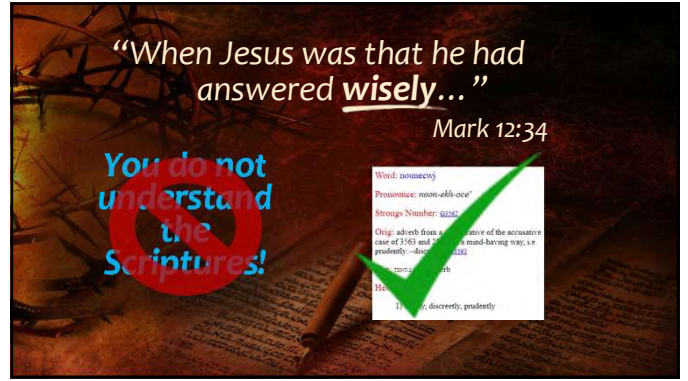
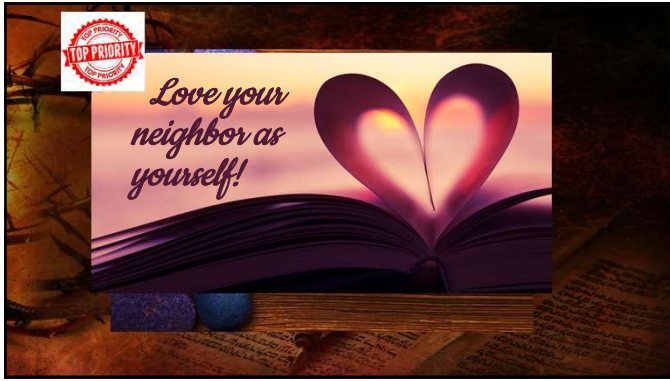
Of all the commandments...?

Which is the most important?

Jesus
 MARK 12:29-30
 ANSWERED HIM,
 THE **FIRST** OF ALL THE
 commandments
 is: 'HEAR, O ISRAEL,
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 And you shall love

Love the Lord your God
 with all your heart,
 with all your soul,
 with all your mind,
 and with all your strength.

- Mark 12:30



Pharisees & Herodians
 Sadducees
 One of the Teachers of the Law... seeking!
 One of the Crowd... enjoying His messages...
 Worshipping Widow

Hypocrisy
 Self-exalting
 Greedy
 In error

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Humble
 Self-emptying
 Sincere
 Seeking

“But the hour is coming, and is now here,
 when the true worshippers will worship the
 Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is
 seeking such people to worship him.”
 John 4:23

Worship from the
 heart...
 in spirit & truth!