

Source: Precept Austin

1. Jesus is opposed by the Priests

- a. Chapter 20 is set in the last week of Jesus' life. It is clear by the texts in the Gospels that the religious leaders are done with Jesus. They are at the point that they will do whatever it takes to remove him from their sight. (Luke 19:45-48)

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- b. They question His authority and Jesus responds with a question of His own about the authority of John the Baptist. This shows the political nature of the priests.

2. Parable of the Vinedresser

- a. This is one of the few times that a parable hit home with people without Jesus interpreting it. At this point in His ministry it was clear that He claimed the role of "The Son of God" so when this parable was spoken the religious leaders knew it was directed at them and their ancestors.

- b. This is a parable that we have a unique perspective on seeing Israel being decimated, scattered, and then brought back fulfilling prophecies in scriptures. Some of which had not been written yet.

3. Render to Caesar

- a. By His answer, He is saying that it is less important to worry about the worldly government than to focus on the kingdom. At this point in His ministry, just days away from death, He is no longer trying to give instruction. He is waking people up to the reality of the Kingdom and His leaving.
- b. The kingdom is a far greater thing to focus on than our current situations. He is calling us deeper. We are not of this world. We are citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven. Not of this earth.

4. Marriage in the Kingdom

- a. The concept of life after death was not developed formally until around 100 BC when the Pharisees were founded. Before that time, biblically it was understood that when you died you were more or less sleeping. So the fact that this question is coming from the Sadducees that did NOT believe in resurrection or an afterlife is telling in itself that these questions were not earnestly sought. Instead, they were trying to prove the ridiculousness of their laws in marriage and the reality of life after death.
- b. He is not the God of the dead but of the living, for all live to HIM. The Scribes who it is assumed are not the same as the Sadducees that just asked the question. The religious leaders realized they could not catch him in blasphemy so you see where they start to scheme against Jesus.

PHARISEES

Law

Interpretations of the Torah

Middle Class

Resurrection of the Dead

Belief in Afterlife

Rejected the Jewish Leaders



SADDUCEES

Temple

Torah Alone

Upper Class

No Resurrection

No Afterlife

Supported Jewish Leaders



5. The Kingdom of Heaven

- a. Jesus is pressing through the questions that are meant to distract from the kingdom. Satan wants us to believe, and get caught up in meaningless questions for meaningless reasons to distract from the glory of the gospel.
- b. The Pharisees questioned John the Baptist's authority as well as Jesus. John's mission was to preach the Kingdom of Heaven. "Repent! For The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand" When Jesus was baptized He took up the mantle of the gospel. (Matt 3:2. Matt. 4:17, Mark 1:15)
- c. The West only takes the first part of this message seriously though. Repent! But the second part of this message is the good news! The good news is the Kingdom of Heaven. The Hope of the Gospel is that it is at hand!