

Mark 12:18-27 Putting Teaching to the Test

1. 4 Questions

1. **11:28** — Who gives you the authority (right) to do these things?
2. **12:14-15** — Should we submit to Caesar's authority or not?
3. **12:23** — Is there a literal resurrection?
 1. Doctrinal argument
 1. *Doctrine means a teaching, or set of beliefs*
 2. *When Jesus' teaching is put up against any teaching I believe or hold to, which one will I hold on to and which will I let go of?*
4. **12:28** — What is God's greatest commandment?

2. Text of Mark 12:18-27

3. Variety of antagonists, same motive:

1. 11:27-28 — first Q. — **Chief priests, scribes and elders**
2. 12:13-15 — second Q. — **Pharisees and Herodians**
3. 12:18 — third Q. — **Sadducees**
 1. Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection, present a doctrinal argument to Jesus.

4. **The Supposed Doctrinal Conundrum / Argument (Mark 12:19-23)**

1. Their Set-up
 1. (v.19) On one side: Law of Deut. 25:5
 2. (v.20-22) On the other side: teaching of the resurrection
2. Their doctrinal debate:
 1. (v.23) How could there be a resurrection of the dead?

5. **Jesus' Response (Mark 12:24-27)**

1. Gracious
2. Speaks of the reality
3. Emphasizes the resurrection of the dead

6. **The Resurrection is Real!!!**

1. *to be greatly mistaken is to be under enormous deception.*
2. The Resurrection is all over the Scriptures
 1. [Dan 12:2 NKJV] *And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt.*
 2. [Jhn 11:25 NKJV] *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.*
 3. The Resurrection preached by early church: *Acts:1:22, 4:2,33, 17:18, 32, 23:6, 24:15,*
 4. [Heb 6:2 NKJV] *of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.*

7. How can I know the truth?

1. You have to be ready to do three things:
 1. believe in the Scriptures,
 2. believe in the power of God
 3. be ready to submit your understanding or beloved doctrine to God's teaching
2. Man's supposed contradictions should not be a reason to question Jesus, let us face that we don't understand everything and trust that He is speaking the truth.

Further study:

Where did Jesus draw His teaching from? God the Father

Why was Jesus' teaching authoritative? Because of its source of authority, not human consensus or one's own conclusion of wisdom.

How can I know what is true teaching? Seek to do His will with my life

2. John 7:14-18 Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught. And the Jews marveled, saying, "How does this Man know letters, having never studied?" Jesus answered them and said, "My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or *whether* I speak on My own *authority*. He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him.