

Aim: With God guiding, Jesus could not be trapped, neither can we.

Refer:

Resources:

Mark 12 tells us about the teacher who asked which was the most important commandment. That same chapter has several other small stories.

Do you remember the time when the Pharisees sent someone to Jesus to ask if they should pay taxes? And Jesus asked whose picture was on a coin – 'Caesar's' – so Jesus said to give to Caesar what belonged to him, and to God what belonged to Him. That story is found in Mark 12:13-17

The religious leaders wanted to trap Jesus into saying something that they could have Him arrested for, and they didn't give up.

Read Mark 12:18-23

This law of Moses is found in Deuteronomy 25:5, and verse 6 gives us the reason – 'so his name will not be forgotten in Israel.

Note: that Mark 12:18 tells us the Sadducees, didn't believe in the resurrection, and now they are trying to trap Jesus with a question about the resurrection.

24 NLT Jesus replied, "Your mistake is that you don't know the Scriptures, and you don't know the power of God. **25**For when the dead rise, they will neither marry nor be given in marriage. In this respect they will be like the angels in heaven.

26"But now, as to whether the dead will be raised—haven't you ever read about this in the writings of Moses, in the story of the burning bush? Long after Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob had died, God said to Moses, I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' **27**So he is the God of the living, not the dead. You have made a serious error."

Later Mark 12:35-37, Jesus had a riddle for the religious leaders.

Read Mark 12:35-38

Ask for comments or questions.

Matthew tells us another story from around the same time when the religious leaders tried to trap Jesus.

Read Matthew 21:23-27

Ask for comments or questions.

Over and over again the religious leaders tried to trap Jesus, but He never fell for their tricks.

Roger Morneau the author of 'A Trip into the Supernatural' and 'Incredible Answers to Prayer,' tells of a time when he was sent at the request of someone who had been studying the Adventist doctrines as well as doctrines of another group. This man was confused and wanted to know the truth. The Adventist pastor couldn't go so he sent Roger. When he arrived, Roger found not only the pastor of the other group but several church leaders, and they were in a argumentative / bullying mood. But Roger prayed and God brought the correct answers to mind. Then after a while he stopped listening to the other group and simply prayed. God gave him the words to speak and the man was convinced of the truth.

Read Matthew 10:19