

Gospel of Mark  
Chapter 12

12:1-12

1. Who are the tenants? Who is the Master? Who are the messengers/servants? Who is the son?
2. Would this compare to Isaiah 5? How would that have played in the background to this parable from Jesus?

12:13-17

1. Where is the trap here? What are the two sides to the argument?
2. What is the problem with having a denarius with an image and inscription?
3. How does Jesus break through?

12:18-27

1. If you are a Jew and don't believe in the resurrection like the Sadducees what is your faith?
2. Of the three reasons for married relationships in the world which ones remain after the Return of Jesus and resurrection of all flesh?
  - a. Procreation?
  - b. Companionship (it is not good that man was alone)
  - c. Chaste living in a fallen world

### 3. So why are their presumptions wrong?

#### Mark 12:28-34

1. Is the scribe disposed towards or against Jesus?
2. How would verse 33 fit in with what we have said earlier about the fig tree/temple and the Jews?
3. "You are not far from the kingdom of God" What is the scribe missing? Is this a play on words by Mark?

#### Mark 12:35-37

1. A son of David could be in the line of David and be a man and be a king but Jesus points out that David called the messianic King Lord. How is it possible to call a son your Lord? Maybe the messiah is more than just an earthly king?

#### Mark 12:38-44

1. Why are scribes so dangerous? Do they seem to have faith? How does this compare with Matthew 13:24-43?
2. Is this story really about just the Widow or is there more? Who can give everything they have?