

A Different Kingdom

Trying to Trap the Teacher Matthew 22

“...and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.” Matthew 22:46

1. Read Matthew 22. To whom is Jesus telling the parable of the wedding banquet? (See Matthew 21:45.) Which characters are they in the parable?
2. How do those who receive the king's first invitation respond? How does the king react to his guests' responses?
3. It was customary for the host to provide wedding clothes to banquet guests. How then does one person present at the banquet insult his host? What do the wedding clothes represent? (Isaiah 61:10; Galatians 3:26–27)
4. What are the Pharisees and Sadducees trying to accomplish in verses 15–40? Explain Jesus' responses to them.
5. Roman coins bore Caesar's image and therefore belonged to him; whose image do we bear and therefore to whom do we belong? (Genesis 1:26–27) What does it mean then to give “to God what is God's?”
6. The Sadducees are wrong in their thinking about the resurrection because they don't know two things. What are they? (verse 29)
7. Think of something that you're struggling with; what difference does knowing the scriptures and the power of God make?

8. How does Jesus use Exodus 3:6 (verse 32) in responding to the Sadducees? How has the power of the resurrection already been displayed to the disciples? (17:1–4)

9. The legal expert tests Jesus by asking, what is the greatest commandment. How does Jesus answer this?

10. What does it look like to love God with all your heart? Soul? Mind?

11. In verse 41 what questions does Jesus ask the Pharisees? What is their response?

12. What title did David give the Messiah? (verse 44; Psalm 110:1) What is Jesus' point in asking the Pharisees why David called the Christ "Lord"?

13. The Pharisees, Herodians, Sadducees, and crowds who heard Jesus in this chapter have responded in various ways. What are those responses? Consider your own response to Jesus. Pray for the Spirit to enable you to hear and respond in faith to the words of Jesus.