

Session 21: Mark 12:28-44

JESUS OUTWITS THREE OPPOSITION GROUPS

SECTION 3

1. Read Mark 12:28-34. What did both Jesus and the Scribe agree is the central concern of God?
2. What is the basis for our love of God (12:29)?
3. Why did Jesus' answer include two commandments?
4. What did Jesus mean that the Scribe was "not far from the kingdom of God"?

WHOSE SON IS THE CHRIST?

5. Read Mark 12:35-37. What is Jesus claiming about the Messiah (The King of Israel) in this text?
6. Dr. Voelz write in his commentary on Mark: "Regarding both Messianic status and divinity, we may say that after the first passion and resurrection prediction (8:31), Jesus makes no attempt to hide who He truly is" (926). Why is this?

TRUE PIETY AND THE WIDOW'S CONTRIBUTION

7. Read Mark 12:38-44. What was the heart of Jesus' warning about the teachers of the law?
8. In contrast to the teachers of the law, what did this woman demonstrate by her gift?
9. What is it that God treasures in offerings?
10. As a corollary to the widow's offering, you might want to read 1 Chronicles 29:1–9. Here we see the giving practices of a wealthy man. What lesson is there for you in this?

