

# **Authority & The Future: Who Has Authority Over The Future?**

## **Mark 12:18-27**

June 4th, 2023

- Last Week's Sermon: Grad Weekend - Taking Jesus' Yoke & Learning From Him
- Last Mark Sermon: **Mark 12:13-17** Authority & Who You Owe: Caesar's Image, Taxes, & The Image Of God
- Authority Is The \_\_\_\_\_ Question In This Section Of Mark - **ἐξουσία** (exousia) - authority, it has to do with right and might (**Mark 11:28 (2x), 29, 33**)

### **The Problem With The Future**

1. The Problem With The Future Is—There Are \_\_\_\_\_ Views Of What The Future Will Look Like (**Mark 12:18, 23-24, 27**)
  - "The doctrine of the Sadducees is this: souls die with bodies." Josephus, The Antiquities of the Jews 18:1,4
2. The Problem With The Future Is— In This Life \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ Can Be Complex & Disappointing (**Mark 12:18-23, Deut. 25:5-6**)
3. Understanding Who Has \_\_\_\_\_ To Determine The Future Is Central To This Passage & To Our Lives

### **The Plan For The Future**

1. Jesus Predicted His Own Future - He Promises His \_\_\_\_\_ & His \_\_\_\_\_ (**Mark 8:31, 9:31, 10:34**) - Remember The Markian Hinge
2. Jesus Has The \_\_\_\_\_ To Tell Us About The Future (**Mark 12:24-27, Mark 13**)
3. Jesus Has Promised Us A \_\_\_\_\_ Future As Well (**Mark 12:24-27**)

### **The Promise Of The Future**

1. Jesus Is Unafraid To Lovingly & Firmly Confront \_\_\_\_\_ About The Future (**Mark 12:24, 27**)

- **πλανάω** (planao) - lead astray, cause to wander, mislead (**Mark 12:24**) - from which we get our English word *planet*. It means "to wander off course, to go astray."

2. Jesus Reveals Why They Are \_\_\_\_\_ About The Future:

- Did Not Know The \_\_\_\_\_ (**Mark 12:24-27**)
- Did Not Know The \_\_\_\_\_ (**Mark 12:24, Luke 10:19-20**)
- Do You Know The Scriptures Of God & The God Of The Scriptures?

3. Jesus Answers With Authority & Gives A Beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ Of The Future -

- Our Relationship With Jesus Will \_\_\_\_\_ All Human Relationships (**Mark 12:25, Luke 20:34-36, 1 Corinthians 2:9**)
- We Will Be Like God's \_\_\_\_\_, But We Will Not Become Angels (**Mark 12:25, Hebrews 1:13-14**)
- After The Resurrection, We Will Enjoy Eternity As God's \_\_\_\_\_ (**Mark 12:25-27, 1 Corinthians 15:42, 49, 51-52, 1 John 3:2**)

*"I, with shriveled, bent fingers, atrophied muscles, gnarled knees, and no feeling from the shoulders down, will one day have a new body, light, bright, and clothed in righteousness—powerful and dazzling. Can you imagine the hope this gives someone who has a spinal cord injury like me? No other religion, no other philosophy promises new bodies, hearts, and minds. Only in the gospel of Christ do hurting people find such incredible hope."*

—Joni Eareckson Tada (*Heaven: Your Real Home*, p. 53)

### **Community Group Discussion Questions:**

1. How do Jesus and the Sadducees differ in this passage? What was odd about the Sadducees' question?
2. What does Jesus teach us about heaven? What other passages in Scripture help us understand what God's plan is for the future?
3. How does the hope of going to heaven affect your everyday life?
4. How can you get to know the Scriptures and the power of God more fully? Which do you know more about—the Scriptures or the power of God? How do the two relate?

**Suggested Reading:** *Heaven: A Comprehensive Guide to Everything the Bible Says About Our Eternal Home* - by Randy Alcorn

**Key Words For Kids To Count:** Future