



HE MAINTAINED HIS MISSION

MARK 12:1-34

One of the things we admire most about Jesus Christ was his ability to be steadfast under pressure. The final week of his life he was under extreme stress, yet he maintained his mission. He had come into this world to be the Savior of mankind and he stayed with that priority regardless of what threatened him.

I. The threat of _____ . (12:1-12)

- A. After Jesus cleansed the temple, the authorities were _____ with him.
- B. Jesus had come into the world for the purpose of _____ for the sins of mankind and nothing would _____ him from that mission.
- C. Most of us don't face the threat of physical violence, but there are a couple of other kinds of physical _____ that can play havoc with our convictions.
 - 1. Physical _____
 - 2. Personal _____

II. The threat of _____ . (12:13-17)

- A. The Pharisees thought they had caught Jesus in a _____.
- B. Jesus again remained _____ to his _____.
- C. The threat of _____ is a frequent test of our convictions.
- D. The Christian _____ remains true to his/her convictions.

III. The threat of _____ . (12:18-27)

- A. The Sadducees were the _____ who thought of themselves as the intellectuals of the day.
- B. In an attempt to _____, the Pharisees brought to Jesus a hypothetical situation that had always tied them in knots.
- C. One of the most severe pressures that some of us face is a _____ from the intellectuals in our field.
- D. We _____ more right now than we have ever known, and we are in deeper _____ than we have ever been.
- E. We don't need more intellect, we need _____ — the
- F. _____ of God, the _____ of God.

IV. The lure of _____ . (12:28-34)

- A. Just because an individual is a _____ person who believes in Jesus does not make them a Christian.
- B. You may not be _____ from the kingdom of God, but on your _____ you are not in it.
- C. No matter how intelligent, moral, wealthy, or influential you may be, you are not in the kingdom unless there has been that time in your life when you surrendered everything to Jesus Christ as _____ and _____, confessing him _____ and being _____ into his name.