



GOSPEL OF  
**MARK**




**IT'S A  
TRAP**


MARK 12:13-40




# Pharisees

 12:13-17

# Sadducees


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# Pharisees

 12:13-17

And they sent Him some  
of the Pharisees and some  
of the Herodians, to  
**trap Him in His talk.**

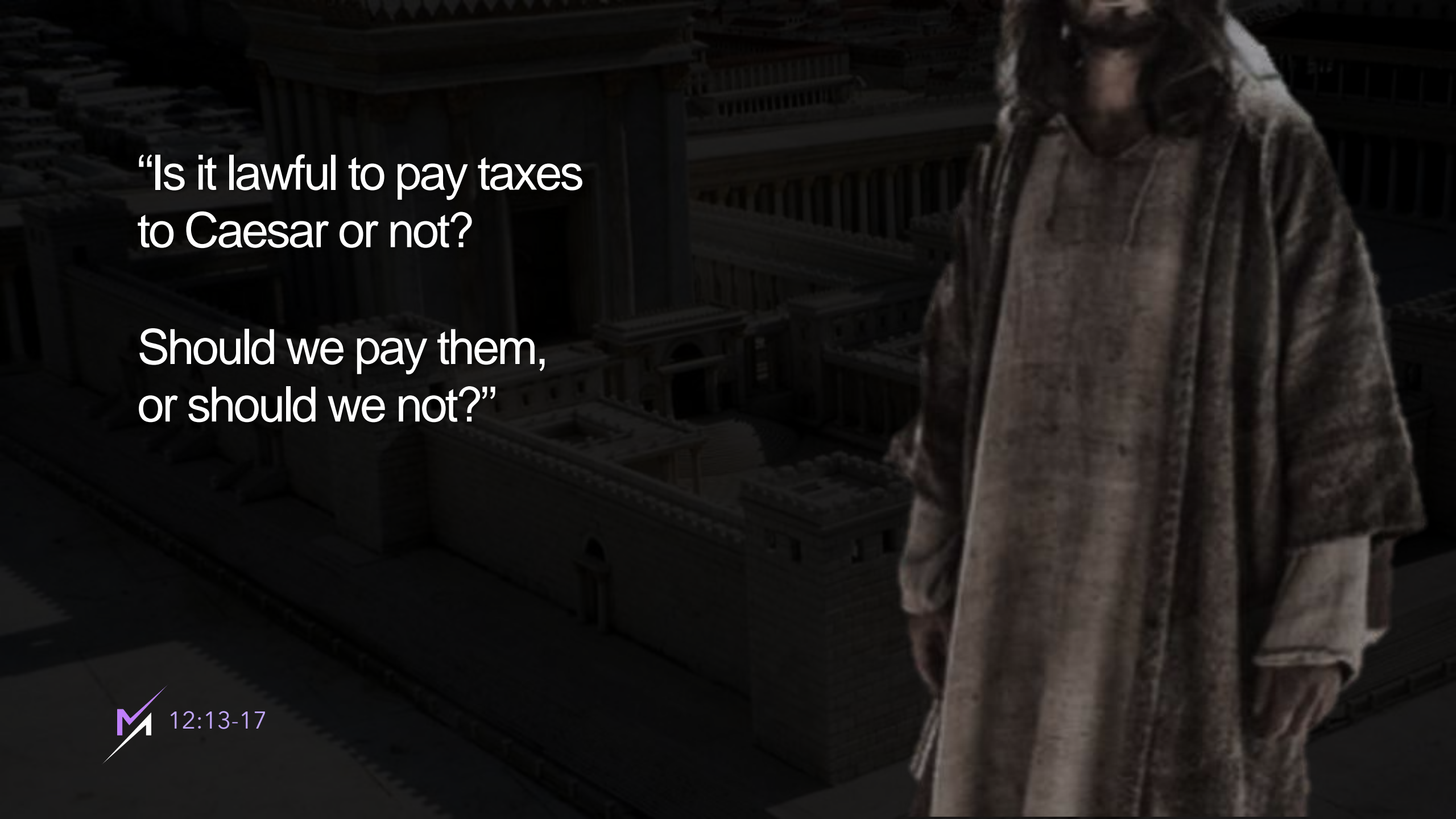
And they came to Him...



“Teacher, we know that you are true and do not care about anyone’s opinion.

For you are not swayed by appearances, but truly teach the way of God.”





“Is it lawful to pay taxes  
to Caesar or not?”

Should we pay them,  
or should we not?”



# POLL TAX?

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But knowing their hypocrisy,

He said to them,

“Why put me to the test?

Bring me a denarius and  
let me look at it.”

And they brought one.



And He said to them,  
“Whose likeness and  
inscription is this?”

They said to Him,  
“Caesar’s”



“Render to Caesar the  
things that are Caesar’s,

And to God the things  
that are God.”

And they  
marveled at Him.



12:13-17



# AUTHORITY?




POLL TAX



RENDER TO CAESAR WHAT IS CAESAR'S  
AND GOD WHAT IS GOD'S




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# Sadducees

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And the Sadducees came to Him, who say that there is no resurrection.

And they asked Him a question...



Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife, but leaves no child, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother.



There were seven brothers;  
the first took a wife, and when  
he died left no offspring.

And the second took her, and  
died, leaving no offspring.

And the third likewise. And the  
seven left no offspring. Last of  
all the woman died.



In the resurrection, when  
they say rise again,  
whose wife will she be?

For the seven had  
her as wife?







# RESURRECTION?

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Jesus said to them,  
“Is this not the reason  
you are wrong, because  
you know neither the  
scripture nor the power  
of God?”



For when they rise  
from the dead,  
they neither marry nor  
are given to marriage,  
but are like the angels  
in heaven.



And as for the dead  
being raised,

Have you not read  
in the book of Moses,

In the passage about the  
bush, how God spoke to  
him saying,



“I am the God of Abraham,  
and the God of Isaac, and  
the God of Jacob?


He is not God of the dead,  
but of the living.

You are quite wrong.






# AFTER LIFE?

 RESURRECTION


HE IS NOT THE GOD OF THE DEAD  
BUT GOD OF THE LIVING



# Pharisees


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# Scribes

 12:28-40

And one of the scribes  
came up and heard them  
disputing with one another,

And seeing that He  
answered them well,





Asked Him,  
“Which commandment  
is the most important  
of all?”

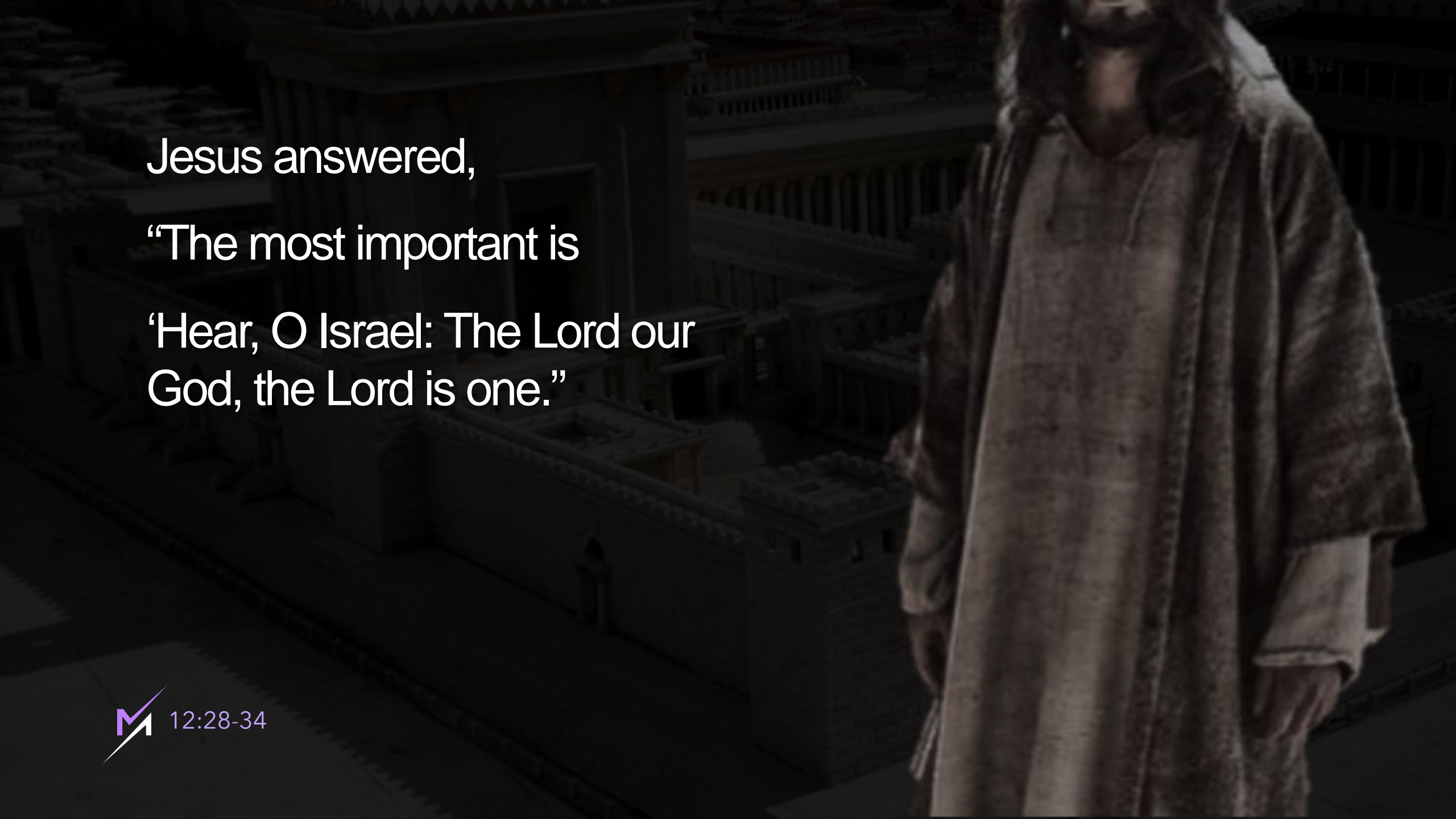




# GREATEST COMMAND?

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Jesus answered,  
“The most important is  
‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our  
God, the Lord is one.’”

“And you shall love  
the Lord your God  
with all your heart and  
with all your soul and  
with all your mind and  
with all your strength.”



The second is this:  
'You shall love your  
neighbor as yourself.'

There is no other  
commandment  
greater than these.



And the scribe said to Him,  
“You are right, Teacher.  
You have truly said that  
He is one, and there is no  
others beside Him.



And to love Him with all the heart and with all the understanding, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.



And when Jesus saw that  
He answered wisely, He  
said to him,

“You are not far from the  
kingdom of God.”



12:28-34





# PURPOSE?

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LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL OF YOUR  
HEART, SOUL, MIND, STRENGTH





# Pharisees

 THE AUTHORITY OF LIFE



# Sadducees

 THE FUTURE OF LIFE



# Scribes

 THE PURPOSE OF LIFE



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# AUTHORITY OF MY LIFE?

HAVE I RELEASED THE AUTHORITY OF MY LIFE TO GOD?

RENDER TO CAESAR WHAT IS CAESAR'S  
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# AUTHORITY?

## **WHEN WE HONOR AUTHORITY WE HONOR GOD'S ESTABLISHMENT**

Romans 13:1 "Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God."

## **WHEN WE RESIST AUTHORITY WE OPPOSE GOD'S ORDINANCE**

Romans 13:2 "Therefore, whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves."

## **WHEN WE OBEY AUTHORITY WE AVOID THE FEAR OF AUTHORITY**

Romans 13:3-4 For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good...

## **WHEN WE SUBMIT TO AUTHORITY WE AVOID THE GUILT OF DEFIANCE**

Romans 13:5 Therefore, one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also, for the sake of conscience.



# AUTHORITY?

## **FOR THE LORD'S SAKE** 1 PETER 2:13

"Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him..."

## **FOR YOUR TESTIMONY'S SAKE** 1 PETER 2:15

"For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people."

## **FOR YOUR MISSION'S SAKE** 1 PETER 2:16-17

"Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover up for evil but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor."



# AUTHORITY OF MY LIFE?

HAVE I RELEASED THE AUTHORITY OF MY LIFE TO GOD?



# FUTURE OF MY LIFE?

HAVE I RELEASED THE FUTURE OF MY LIFE TO GOD?

HE IS NOT THE GOD OF THE DEAD  
BUT GOD OF THE LIVING





# RESURRECTION?

## **PHYSICAL GLORIFIED BODIES**

LUKE 24:38 "Touch me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have."

## **RECOGNIZABLE GLORIFIED BODIES**

MATT 17:3 "There appeared Moses, and Elijah, talking with Jesus."

## **NOURISHBLE GLORIFIED BODIES**

Luke 24:43 "He took it (the bread) and ate it before them."

## **UNRESTRAINED GLORIFIED BODIES**

John 20:26 "The doors were locked... and Jesus came and stood."

## **RELATIONAL GLORIFIED BODIES**

Luke 24:36 "Jesus stood in the midst and said, "peace be with you."

## **ETERNAL GLORIFIED BODIES**

Revelation 21 no more evil, no more crying, no more mourning, no more pain, no more curse, no more death...





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# PURPOSE OF MY LIFE?

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# PURPOSE?

## **WITH ALL YOUR HEART**

Psalm 51:10 "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and **renew** a right spirit within me."

## **WITH ALL YOUR SOUL**

2 COR. 4:16 "So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being **renewed** day by day."

## **WITH ALL YOUR MIND**

Luke 24:36 "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the **renewing** of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

## **WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH**

Isaiah 40:31 "But they who wait for the Lord shall **renew** their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."

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# PURPOSE?

## LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude.

It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8

AND LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR  
AS YOURSELF



For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it.

For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?

For what can a man give in return for his soul?

MARK 8:35-37

