

Mark 12:28-44 – 1 August 2021

“Raddled Together With Jesus” “Part 2 of 2”

Introduction

- *Jesus has had a 3-year public ministry
- *And now Christ comes into Jerusalem for the last week of His earthly ministry & life to die for our sins
- *Jesus is fully God but also fully man, so He has 3 enemies just as we do (world, flesh & the devil)
 - *Jesus had His final battle w/ devil at His temptation
 - *Jesus will have His final battle w/ flesh in G of Geth
 - *Today we see Jesus final battle w/ the world
- *There a big difference when battling the world, there are souls to be won – we need to fight a winsome war
- *We’re not trying to win the argument, but the arguer

*As Jesus is here being examined, as God's perfect lamb for 4 days, yet He turns it around to show them what God has always wanted from them

*Our 7 points are based on the acronym *raddled*

*We're gonna teach you a new word – raddled

*Raddled is *to twist or wind together as in a hedge formed by interweaving the shoots & branches*

*Read John 15:5-6

Today we'll see the final 4 of the 7 Keys to be raddled together with Jesus

1st 3 Keys from the 1st half of the chapter are:

#1 – Relationship: Appreciation for the life He's given us

Vs 1-12 was the Parable of the Vineyard

#2 – Acquiescence: Willingness to give, surrender

Vs 13-17 was the challenge of paying taxes

#3 – Discipleship: Learning of His great power

Vs 18-27 - Sadducees question about resurrection

4th Key to be raddled together with Jesus is Dedication: Love God & others w/ all parts of us (Vs 28-34)

Read Vs 28

1. Even in the question he's challenging whether Jesus will show favoritism to one Jewish school of thought over another by saying what we should do
 - a. Will Jesus show disregard for some area of God's Law by lifting up another?
 - b. Will the question be what WE have to DO?
2. These are valid questions even for us today
 - a. Do we elevate one scripture over another
 - i. Some teach only the NT of the Bible
 - ii. Some only believe the "love" parts of Bible
 - iii. Some teach only the judgement parts
 - b. Do we emphasize what WE have to do or what God has already DONE for us?
3. What does whole dedication to God look like?

Read Vs 29-30

1. Jesus Quotes from Deut 6 – The Great Shema
2. Love God above all else–love for others should look like hatred compared to your love for God
3. Love for God should come from each part of us
 - a. Heart – Your passion, will & desire
 - i. Are you willing serving God?
 - b. Soul – Your energies and time
 - i. Is God only a Sunday thing for you?
 - c. Mind – Your knowledge
 - i. Do you desire to know more of God?
 - d. Strength – Your body & effort
 - i. Have you done manual labor for God?

Read Vs 31

1. It's secondary b/c w/o dedication to God 1st, there's no power to love others
2. Added b/c loving others is the natural offspring of dedication to God
 - a. Most selfish to know God (eternal life) & not try taking others with you

Read Vs 32-34

1. He realized that dedication & love for God is more important than sacrifices or anything we could DO for God
2. He asked the original question, b/c he actually wanted an answer
 - a. He's close to salvation
 - b. He's close b/c he's close to dedicating his whole life to Jesus Christ

5th Key to be raddled together with Jesus is Lordship: Understanding His dual nature (Vs 35-37)

Read Vs 35

1. Jesus asks of the most commonly known aspect of David's relationship to the Messiah
2. Messiah promised to Abraham, then Isaac, then Jacob, then Judah, then finally to David (II Sam 7)

Read Vs 36-37

1. Jesus quotes Psm 110:1 in which David speaks of the Messiah, not as his son, but as his Lord.
2. Jesus' question in vs 37 is, how can the Messiah be David's son but also his Lord?
3. Pharisees were expecting David's son, the Messiah, to be a powerful man to rule. Oh, He is!
 - a. Pharisees were not expecting David's Son to also be the Son of God from everlasting!
4. David's son is the perfect God-man
 - a. Read Rev 22:16 – Root & Offspring
5. Who is this King of glory, what is His name? And what is His Son's name, tell me if you can?
6. Seeing Jesus as both
 - a. God – who's without sin & perfect
 - b. Man – who's willing to pay His life for mine
 - c. Is to see Him as Lord of your life

6th Key to be raddled together with Jesus is Earnestness: Humility & genuineness (Vs 38-40)

Read Vs 38-40

1. Mark only records a small portion of what Jesus had to say to the scribes & Pharisees
 - a. Turn to Matt 23:1-5
 - b. They only do good to be seen of men
2. Specific phrases
 - a. Long clothing – showing they’re leaders not workers
 - b. Salutations & Chief Seats – want to be recognized as the smart leader in the room
 - c. Widows – in their oversight to “help” widows, they take advantage & steal from them
3. Jesus is teaching that we should be the humble servants in the room
 - a. There should be a sincerity to our acceptance of being a helper to others
 - b. Jesus came to help us when we were helpless

7th Key to be raddled together with Jesus is Dependence: Faith & reliance on God (Vs 41-44)

Read Vs 41-42

1. Notice, Jesus is looking at “how” they gave, not “what” or “how much” they gave
2. Read I Sam 16:7b – “but God looks on heart”

Read Vs 43-44

1. Physically, outwardly it's true that these rich men gave more – but this isn't what matters at all
2. Jesus gives us the “behind the scenes” spiritual look at the hearts in vs 44.
3. The % of her life that she gave is what shows her dependence & reliance on God
4. This type of dependence can only happen as a result of a life of faith
 - a. Faith believing that God will provide all my needs according to His riches in glory by Jesus
 - b. What % of your life is dependent on God?

Conclusion

So as Jesus is being examined for 4 days to be seen as the perfect Lamb of God, He's actually examining them! He's giving them every opportunity to understand what God wants from them.

God desires for us to be interwoven or *raddled* together with Him by living according to these keys

We saw the 1st 3 last week in 1st half of Mark 12

#1 – Relationship: Appreciation for the life He's given us

#2 – Acquiescence: Willingness to give, surrender

#3 – Discipleship: Learning of His great power

4. Dedication: Love God & others w/ all parts of us

- a. Have you given every part of your body, mind & spirit to Jesus Christ?
- b. This is the power we need to then love others

5. **Lordship: Understanding His dual nature**

- a. Do you accept Jesus as God?
- b. Do you accept Jesus as a man?
- c. Both are true and needed
- d. Make this One, Lord of your life

6. **Earnestness: Humility & genuineness**

- a. Is there a sincerity about your help for others or are you just in it for self-promotion?
- b. Have you found a joy in service for God?

7. **Dependence: Faith & reliance on God**

- a. Dependence on God isn't just giving time, effort and resources to God
- b. But it's giving to the point that you have no choice but to rely on God to fulfill the mission thru you, b/c you can't

Matt 13 we turn our attention to eschatology...the end of days. Coming soon, to a theater near you!