

## Mark 12:13-27

<sup>13</sup> And they sent to him some of the Pharisees and some of the Herodians, to trap him in his talk. <sup>14</sup> And they came and said 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?" <sup>15</sup> But, knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why put me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me look at it." <sup>16</sup> And they brought one. And he said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said to him, "Caesar's." <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they marveled at him. <sup>18</sup> And Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection. And they asked him a question, saying, <sup>19</sup> "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. <sup>20</sup> There were seven brothers; the first took a wife, and when he died left no offspring. <sup>21</sup> And the second took her, and died, leaving no offspring. And the third likewise. <sup>22</sup> And the seven left no offspring. Last of all the woman also died.

<sup>23</sup> In the resurrection, when they rise again, whose wife will she be? For the seven had her as wife." <sup>24</sup> Jesus said to them, "Is this not the reason you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God? <sup>25</sup> For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. <sup>26</sup> 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'? <sup>27</sup> He is not God of the dead, but of the living. You are quite wrong."

## Never Trips

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The religious leaders are nothing if not persistent. They ask two questions in their continuing attempts to try and trip up Jesus. As Jesus gets closer to the cross, He escalates the directness of His responses, in order to expose the wrongness of their views, and give evidence to the fact that He is the Messiah.

### 1. Should Jews pay taxes to Caesar?

Jesus stumps them.

### 2. Whose husband, will the woman widowed by 7 brothers, be in heaven?

Jesus rebukes and corrects them.

## Life Group Questions:

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1. What is the essence of the trap that the Herodians and Pharisees have set for Jesus? How well does it work?
2. Why do the Sadducees, who do not believe in any life after death, ask Jesus a complicated question about what life is like after death? What does Jesus hope to accomplish with His answer?
3. What is Jesus trying to teach us about money in vv. 13-17?
4. What is Jesus trying to teach us about heaven in vv. 18-27?
5. When you think about heaven, what emotions do you experience? And why?
6. How does your view of heaven, and your feelings about heaven, impact your daily life?
7. What do you think might help you get a fuller picture of heaven?