

# Sermon Outline

## CHALLENGE #4: FROM "RELIGION" | Geoff Lin

Bible Reading: Mark 12:28-34 (p.1446)

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Mk 12:12 Then **the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders** looked for a way to arrest him because they knew he had spoken the parable against them. But they were afraid of the crowd; so they left him and went away.

Mk 12:13 Later they sent some of **the Pharisees and Herodians** to Jesus to catch him in his words.

Mk 12:18 Then **the Sadducees**, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question.

### 1. A genuine question for Jesus (v28)

### 2. A most memorable response from Jesus (vv29-31)

Dt 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. 5 Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

Lev 19:18 Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

i. Jesus isn't making something new up

ii. Jesus is saying that being right with God has BOTH horizontal AND vertical implications

iii. Jesus sets some pretty high standards

### 3. A remarkably honest reaction to Jesus (vv32-33)

### 4. A great encouragement from Jesus (v34)

Mk 1:14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 15 "The time has come," he said. **"The kingdom of God has come near.** Repent and believe the good news!"

## So what, for us?

i. Warning: are WE trying to bring burnt offerings and sacrifices to God?

Amos 5:21 "I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to me. 22 Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them. 23 Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps.

ii. Encouragement: do YOU know the joy of whole-hearted devotion to God?

Mk 2:17 On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

For discussion: what could make you want to love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength?

Meet Jesus		
1/2	Enter the King	Mk 11:1-11
8/2	A King to shake up the status quo	Mk 11:12-25
15/2	Challenge #1: from the religious elite	Mk 11:27-12:12
22/2	Challenge #2: from secular society	Mk 12:13-17
1/3	Challenge #3: from human experience	Mk 12:18-27
8/3	Challenge #4: from "religion"	Mk 12:28-34
15/3	Challenge #5: from Jesus	Mk 12:35-44
22/3	The End of the World	Mk 13:1-37
29/3	The Last Supper	Mk 14:1-26
3/4	Good Friday: "Surely this man was the Son of God"!	Mk 14:27-15:47
5/4	Easter Sunday: "He has risen! He is not here!"	Mk 16:1-8