

The Gospel According to Mark

Scribal Q & A

Mark 12:28-37



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Introduction:

I. THE QUESTION ASKED (vs. 28)

A. The Prequel (vs. 28a)

“One of the scribes came and heard them arguing...”

Mark 2:6, 16; 3:22; 7:1-5; 9:14; 11:18

B. The Poke (vs. 28b)

“...and recognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him, ‘What commandment is the foremost of all?’”

II. THE QUESTION ANSWERED (vs. 29-31)

A. The Supreme Commandment (vs. 29-30)

“Jesus answered, ‘The foremost is, HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD...’”

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

“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.”

“heart” -

“soul” -

“mind” -

“strength” -

B. The Supplementary Commandment (vs. 31)

“The second is this, YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF. There is no other commandment greater than these.” (Leviticus 19:18)

I Kings 8:46

Psalms 14:1

Psalms 143:2

Proverbs 20:9

Ecclesiastes 7:20

Romans 3:10

III. THE ANSWER QUESTIONED (vs. 32-37)

A. The Scribe's Response (vs. 32-33)

"The scribe said to Him, 'Right, Teacher; You have truly stated that HE IS ONE, AND THERE IS NO ONE ELSE BESIDES 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 HIMSELF, is much more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.'" (1 Samuel 15:22 and Hosea 6:6)

B. The Savior's Rejoinder (vs. 34)

"When Jesus saw that he had answered intelligently, He said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.'"

"After that, no one would venture to ask Him any more questions."

C. The Real Question to be Asked (vs. 35-37)

"And Jesus began to say, as He taught in the temple, 'How is it that the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David?'"

" 'David himself said in the Holy Spirit, THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I PUT YOUR ENEMIES BENEATH YOUR FEET." ' " (Psalm 110:1)

" 'David himself calls Him "Lord"; so in what sense is He his son?' "

"And the large crowd enjoyed listening to Him."

Conclusion:

- 1) If you are a Sadducee-type Christian:
- 2) If you are a Pharisee-type Christian:
- 3) If you are a scribe-type Christian:

Food for Thought:

- 1) Review the theological positions of the scribes, Pharisees, and Sadducees in the 1st century.
- 2) Explain the meaning and distinctions of "heart", "soul", "mind", and "strength". How do we love God in each category?
- 3) What is the meaning of "not far from the kingdom of God"? Why is this not good enough?
- 4) How would you demonstrate to a Jewish person that the Messiah is, in fact, God?