

Controversy

Mark 12:1-34

Controversy over the Rejection of Israel (vs. 1-12)

A. The parable (vs. 1-8)

Isaiah 5:1-7

rough treatment of the servants

rough treatment of the son

If Christ is rejected, hope is rejected.

B. The application (vs. 9-12)

Psalm 118:22-26

The tenants will be killed and the vineyard given to others

The rejected stone would become the cornerstone, the most important stone in the whole structure of God's kingdom and purposes.

Controversy over Taxes (vs. 13-17)

A. The trap is set (vs. 13-15a)

B. The trap is evaded (vs. 15b-17)

“Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's”

Romans 13:6-7

“to God what is God's”

Give the coin to Caesar since it belongs to him but give your life to God since it belongs to Him.

In the answer of Jesus, God was *glorified*, Caesar was *satisfied*, the people were *edified*, and His critics were *stupefied*.

Controversy over the Resurrection and Law (vs. 18-34)

A. A ridiculous question (vs. 18-23)

ridiculous because of what they believed

ridiculous because of the question

Deuteronomy 25:5-6

ridiculous because of the assumption

B. A correcting reply (vs. 24-27)

C. A follow-up question (vs. 28-34)

If we love God most, we will love others best.