

The Last Week Of Jesus' Life (Tuesday)

A Day Of Controversy
Matthew 22:15–33; Mark 12:13–27; Luke 20:19–40

June 22, 2022

Tuesday – A Day Of Controversy

Jesus Taught The People.

- ▶ Chief Priest and Elders asked *"by what authority ..."* Matthew 21:23
- ▶ The Sadducees asked a question regarding the resurrection. Matthew 22:23ff
- ▶ The Pharisees and Herodians asked a question about tribute to Caesar. Matthew 23:15ff
- ▶ A Lawyer (scribe) asked a question about the great commandment. Matthew 22:34ff
- ▶ Jesus asked the Pharisees a question regarding the son of David. Matthew 22:44ff
- ▶ Jesus pronounced 7 woes against the scribes and Pharisees. Matthew 23
- ▶ Jesus observed a widow casting two mites into the temple treasury. Mark 12:41ff
- ▶ Jesus discussed with His disciples the destruction of Jerusalem and His second coming. Matthew 24

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Chief Priests and Elders asked *"by what authority ..."* Mark 11:27–33; Matthew 21:23–27

- ▶ Who was John? John 1
- ▶ John's testimony. John 1:29ff; John 5:33
- ▶ Response of chief priests and elders. Matthew 21:25ff

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The Pharisees and Herodians asked a question about tribute to Caesar.

- ▶ **Pharisees** – the most popular and the strictest religious sect of the Jews. cf. Matthew 15:1ff
- ▶ **Herodians** – not a religious sect, but a political party, associated with the Pharisees in opposition to Jesus, and assumed to be supporters of Herod the Great's dynasty. Note: The Herodians joined with the Pharisees.
 - These hated Jesus. Mark 3:6, *"And the Pharisees went out, and straightway with the Herodians took counsel against him, how they might destroy him."* cf. John 11:53

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The Pharisees and Herodians asked, *"Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?"* Matthew 22:17; Mark 12:14

Jesus saw **their wickedness** characterized by *"hypocrisy"* (Mark 12:14–15) and *"craftiness"* (Luke 20:23).

- ▶ *"Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's ..."* Matthew 22:21; Mark 12:17
 - ▶ Civil authority. Romans 13:1–7; 1 Peter 2:13–17; Acts 5:39
- ▶ *"Render ... unto God the things that are God's."* Matthew 22:21; Mark 12:17
 - ▶ Our service. Romans 12:1; 1 Corinthians 6:19–20

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- ▶ **The Sadducees** – by New Testament times they were a political / religious sect willing to compromise with Roman authorities.
 - ▶ Denied the resurrection. Matthew 22:23
 - ▶ Denied belief in angels. Acts 23:6–8
 - ▶ Placed emphasis on the ceremonial law, sacrifices, and the first five books of the Law, but rejected the oral traditions of the Pharisees.

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- The law of Moses designed to preserve the inheritance of the family. Deuteronomy 25:5–6; Numbers 27:8–11

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Jesus answers:

1. Their question ... Matthew 22:29–30
2. Their position ... Matthew 22:31–32

Note: Mark 12:26; Luke 20:37; cf. Exodus 3:6

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Reaction to Jesus’ teaching.
 Matthew 22:22, *“And when they heard it, they marvelled, and left him, and went away.”*

thaumázō – to wonder, marvel, be struck with admiration or astonishment (The Complete Word Study Dictionary)

exepléssonto – “to strike out, expel by a blow, drive out or away; to cast off by a blow, to drive out; commonly, to strike one out of self-possession, to strike with panic, shock, astonish; passive to be struck with astonishment, astonished, amazed” (Thayer’s Greek Lexicon)

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Matthew 7:28, *“And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these words, the multitudes were **astonished at his teaching**”*

Matthew 13:54, *“And coming into his own country he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were **astonished**, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works?”*

Matthew 19:25, *“And when the disciples heard it, they were **astonished** exceedingly, saying, Who then can be saved?”*

Mark 1:22, *“And they were **astonished at his teaching**: For he taught them as having authority, and not as the scribes.”*

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Mark 6:2, *“And when the sabbath was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were **astonished**, saying, Whence hath this man these things? and, What is the wisdom that is given unto this man, and (what mean) such mighty works wrought by his hands?”*

Mark 7:37, *“And they were beyond measure **astonished**, saying, He hath done all things well; he maketh even the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.”*

Mark 11:18, *“And the chief priests and the scribes heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, for all the multitude was **astonished at his teaching**.”*

Luke 4:32, *“and they were **astonished at his teaching**: for his word was with authority.”*

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Jesus Rebuked The Pharisees. Matthew 23

- “*Hypocrites*” (verses 13, 14, 15, 23, 25, 27, 29)
- “*Blind Guides*” (verses 16, 24)
- “*Fools and Blind*” (verses 17, 19, 26)
- “*Serpents*” (verse 33)
- “*A Generation or Offspring of Vipers*” (verse 33)

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Jesus Rebuked The Pharisees ... WHY? Matthew 23

- ▶ They shut up the kingdom of heaven against others (verse 13)
- ▶ They cheated widows and made long prayers (verse 14)
- ▶ They searched far and wide for proselytes, then made them wicked ... (verse 15)
- ▶ They made a mockery of oaths (verses 16–22)
- ▶ They tithed small items, but forgot important matters (verses 23–24)
- ▶ They appeared righteous, but inwardly were full of wickedness (verses 25–28)
- ▶ They pretended to revere the righteous dead, but actually approved those who killed them (verses 29–36)

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Jesus pronounced 7 woes against the scribes and Pharisees.

1. The kingdom of heaven. Matthew 23:13–14
2. Proselytes. Matthew 23:15
3. Swearing. Matthew 23:16–22
4. Tithing. Matthew 23:23–24
5. Washing. Matthew 23:25–26
6. Sepulchers. Matthew 23:27–28
7. The Prophets. Matthew 23:29–36

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When would all these things happen?

Matthew 23:36, “*Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation.*”

- ▶ Wherever the word “*generation*” is used in Matthew, it means a contemporary race, people living at the same time, the generation then living.
 - It is from the Greek, *genea*, and “refers to specific time periods or ages (i.e. the time ordinarily occupied by each successive generation.” (Thayer)

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“*This Generation*”

- ▶ Matthew 1:17 – Here the sense of the word is that of the average life-time of man. 30–100 years.
- ▶ Matthew 11:16–19 – Jesus speaking of those living in his day who criticized John for his fasting and Jesus for his eating and drinking.
- ▶ Matthew 12:38–45 – “*Generation*” used four times. Jesus spoke of that present generation.
- ▶ Matthew 16:4 – Similar to earlier verses of Matthew 12. See also Matthew 17:14–18, especially verse 17.
- ▶ Matthew 23:36 – is practically identical to Matthew 24:34, and as it stands in its context, no other generation could be meant, but the one living at the time of Christ.

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