

INTRODUCTION

- * Jesus has entered into Jerusalem and has been teaching the people in the Temple. We are in the midst of a four day period when the Passover Lamb would be finely examined to make sure that it was a worthy Sacrifice. The religious unknowingly are fulfilling this prophetic requirement of YHWH (cf. Exodus 12:2-7).
- * Two weeks ago, we considered the test of the Chief Priests and Scribes, asking Jesus whether it was lawful for Jews to pay taxes to Caesar.
- * Last week, we saw the Sadducees seek to trap Him by asking him whose wife a woman would be, in the resurrection, who had been married consecutively to seven brothers. Jesus responded to them by declaring that they truly did not believe the Scriptures that they supposedly held in high regard.
- * Jesus took the moment as an opportunity to teach - both the Scribes and His Disciples - with authority. The first being a call to expositing the Word of God faithfully and the second a call to beware of pretentiousness.

INSTRUCTION

I. HIS INSTRUCTION TO THE SCRIBES (20:41-44) ... An Admonition to Regarding the Deity of the Messiah

A. The Q_____ of the Messiah

1. THE OLD TESTAMENT REFERENCE (cf. Psalm 110:1)
2. THE NEW TESTAMENT CONFIRMATION (cf. Philippians 2:9-10; 1 Corinthians 15:24-25)

B. The R_____ of the Religious Leaders

II. HIS INSTRUCTION TO HIS DISCIPLES (20:45 - 21:4) ... A Warning to Beware of Religious Pretentiousness

A. The Pretentiousness of the S_____ (20:45-47)

1. THEIR D_____
 - a. To _____
 - b. To _____
 - c. To _____
2. THEIR A_____ (cf. Luke 11:37-44)
 - a. They _____
 - b. They _____ (cf. Matthew 6:5-7)
3. THEIR C_____
 - * cf. James 3:1; John 5:19-29
 - * cf. Romans 2:1-11; John 3:16-19

B. The Pretentiousness of the R_____ (21:1-4)

1. THE P_____ OF CHRIST
2. THE E_____ OF CHRIST
 - a. The Rich put in _____
 - b. The Widow put in _____

INTROSPECTION

- * Are you a Sunday morning Christian?
- * Are you putting on a "show" for those around you? Remember, that God is omniscient!
- * Who is Jesus to you? Is He just a good teacher or a prophet, or is He God incarnate?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * How can we best encourage one another to be truly authentic in our walk with Christ?