

A Day of Controversy

Lesson aim: To show how Jesus answered those who disagreed with Him and who challenged His authority.

A question by the chief priests, scribes, and elders--Mt. 21:23-27 (Mk 11:27-33; Lk. 20:1-8)

1. *What did Jesus' question to the chief priests and scribes reveal about them?*

Faithful discharge of responsibility taught by three parables--Mt. 21:28-22:14 (Mk. 12:1-12; Lk. 20:9-19)

1. *What does the parable of the two sons teach?*
2. *What does the parable of the landowner teach?*
3. *What does the parable of the wedding feast teach?*

A question by the Pharisees and Herodians--Mt. 22:15-22 (Mk. 12:13-17; Lk. 20:20-26)

1. *How did Jesus answer the question, "Is it lawful to tax unto Caesar?" What lesson do we learn from this?*

A question by the Sadducees--Mt. 22:23-33 (Mk. 12:18-27; Lk. 20:27-40)

1. *How did Jesus refute the Sadducees' test-case in which they sought to prove there was no resurrection from the dead?*

A question by a Pharisaic scribe--Mt. 22:34-40 (Mk. 12:28-34)

- 1. What did Jesus teach were the greatest laws of the OT Scriptures?*
- 2. Why did Jesus say the scribe was not far from the kingdom?*

Research challenge:

In this lesson we see Jesus in confrontation with various religious groups or sects. What were the distinguishing characteristics of each one? What did they have in common that made them all challenge Jesus?