

The Four Questions Matthew 22:15-46

Jesus' triumph over the religious leaders who try to trap him by asking difficult questions

I. Introduction: The Four Questions of Passover

The role of asking questions in religion

II. The Pharisees and Herodians ask Jesus about paying taxes to Rome (22:15-22)

Separation of church and state

Give back to Caesar the things that are Caesar's

Jesus, Paul (Romans 13:1-7), Peter (1 Peter 2:13-17)

and to God the things that are God's

III. The Sadducees ask about marriage in the final resurrection (22:23-33)

A bizarre question for people who don't even believe in a resurrection

How does (and does not) Jesus answer them?

A very brief, God-centered reply based in Torah

IV. The Pharisees ask which law is most important (22:34-40)

Jesus's expected answer – Deuteronomy 6:4-5 "*Sh'ma*"

Why *mind* instead of *might* (Emotions based on truth)

"The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself"

The role of the church in social justice

A very practical commandment

The whole Bible hangs on these two commandments

V. Jesus asks an authoritative question about the identity of the Messiah (22:41-46)

Psalm 110:1 – Yahweh said to Adonai (who is Adonai?)

The two natures of Christ