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## Four kinds of questions

In 11:27—12:34 the Lord Jesus was asked four kinds of questions. These questions represent different aspects of man's culture. The first question (Mark 11:27-33) concerned religion. The chief priests, scribes, and elders asked the Slave-Savior a question related to typical, bona fide religion. In particular, they questioned the Lord Jesus concerning His authority. The chief priests, scribes, and elders thought they were serving God and that they knew the law of Moses. We may say that they had a typical religion. Now they wanted to know the origin of the things the Lord Jesus was doing. Therefore, the first question asked of the Lord in 11:27-33 was related to bona fide religion.

The second question was raised by the Pharisees and Herodians (Mark 12:13-17). They came to Him and said, "Teacher, we know that you are true, and you do not care about anyone; for you do not regard the face of men, but teach the way of God in truth. Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not? Should we give, or should we not give?" (v. 14). This question was related to politics.

The third question, asked by the Sadducees (Mark 12:18-27), was related to belief. In particular, the Sadducees wanted to know what the Lord believed concerning resurrection. As we have pointed out, the Sadducees, who may be considered ancient modernists, did not believe in resurrection. The third question, therefore, concerns belief.

The fourth question (Mark 12:28-34) was asked by a scribe. Mark 12:28 says, "And one of the scribes who had approached and heard them disputing, knowing that He answered them well, questioned Him, Which is the first commandment of all?" This question is related to the interpretation of the Bible. The scribe was asking the Slave-Savior how He interpreted the Bible with respect to which commandment was first.

## Christ as the son of David and the Lord of David

The matters covered by these four kinds of questions include the components of the highest human culture. However, each kind of question neglects Christ, the One who is the entire, universal replacement. Because His questioners did not pay attention to Christ, the Lord Himself made up the lack when He counter-questioned them, saying,

"How is it that the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David? David himself said in the Holy Spirit, The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand until I put Your enemies under Your feet. David himself calls Him Lord, and how can He be his son?" (12:35-37). Here the Lord was asking how the scribes can say that Christ is the son of David when David himself calls Him Lord. Here the Lord was indicating that the scribes knew Christ only as a man. They did not realize that Christ, the Messiah, is also God Himself and hence, a God-man.

The Lord seemed to be saying to all those who were testing and examining Him, "You know Me only as a Nazarene. You do not know Me as God. Although I am frank and honest with you, I am also merciful. Even though I am the almighty God, your Creator, I have the patience to be examined and tested by you. If I were not merciful to you and if I manifested Myself in My divine essence, you would all be slain. But I am compassionate. Nevertheless, I am the very God whom David addressed as Lord."

We need to realize that Peter, John, James, and all the other close followers of the Lord Jesus were standing nearby observing what the Lord did and hearing what He said. No doubt, they were deeply impressed with the Slave-Savior. They must have talked with one another. Perhaps Peter said to John and James, "On the one hand, our Teacher is the son of David. But on the other hand, He is the Lord. Have you ever realized this? Did you know that our Teacher is not only a man but also God the Lord?" I believe that the disciples spoke with one another in this way.

If you had been one of the Lord's disciples observing how He handled the opposers, would you not have spoken to the others about it? Would you not have been impressed with the fact that your Teacher revealed to the opposers that He was not only the son of David but also the Lord of David? No doubt, the Lord's close followers received a deep impression concerning Him.

We have seen that the Lord Jesus brought His followers into Jerusalem with Him for a purpose. He did not intend to go into death alone. Rather, He brought a group of His followers into death with Him. Those followers are our representatives. When they were with the Lord in Jerusalem, we all were there. Hallelujah, we today are the Lord's close followers! As His followers, we are seeing from the Gospel

of Mark a series of heavenly visions, visions that are being “telecast” into our being.

At the time of 12:37 the Slave-Savior had gained a full victory. He had not only received the approval of the people; He had also subdued His opposers. The chief priests, scribes, elders, Pharisees, Herodians, and Sadducees all were subdued. Jesus the Nazarene was manifested as being a marvelous Person. To be sure, His disciples were very pleased with the situation.

A warning concerning the scribes

Immediately after the Lord had subdued all the opposers and had spoken to them concerning Christ, He went on to give them a warning concerning the scribes. Mark 12:38-40 says, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and like greetings in the marketplaces, and chief seats in the synagogues, and places of honor at the dinners; who devour the widows’ houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. These will receive greater judgment.” Elsewhere the Lord had told His disciples to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod (8:15). The leaven of the Pharisees was their hypocrisy (Luke 12:1), and the leaven of Herod was his corruption and injustice in politics. With the scribes there was the matter of vain knowledge, even a vain knowledge of the Bible. The scribes taught theology or doctrine in a way that was vain.

In chapters eleven and twelve of the Gospel of Mark the scribes are mentioned a number of times. The scribes were among those who questioned the Lord concerning His authority (11:27-28). It was a scribe who asked the Lord a question concerning the interpretation of the Bible (12:28). Furthermore, in 12:35 the Lord inquired, “How is it that the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David?” Now in 12:38 the Lord specifically issues a warning against the scribes.

The scribes thought they knew the Bible and also doctrine and theology. Although they may have known the Scriptures in letters, they certainly did not know Christ. Therefore, in His teaching the Lord asked how it is that the scribes say that Christ is the son of David. The scribes taught vain theology, a theology without Christ as reality.

(Excerpts from Life- Studies of Mark Message 38)

**Burdens for Church Prayer**

- 2026 Targets, # of baptized:22; # of prayer meeting attendance:35; average Lord’s Day and small group attendance:10% increase

- Spread the kingdom of God by preaching the gospel on the WVC campus and by Bible distribution in the community.
- Multiply the number of small groups for the increase and building up of the Body of Christ
- Perfect young working saints with shepherding families as containers for the next generation.
- Practice PSRP, BNPB, and vital small groups.
- Blending in the Body, by participating in conferences and trainings
- Establish and strengthen the church services, including children, YP, ushering, etc.
- Establish a prayer life individually and corporately
- Pursuing the truth and growth in life to live in the reality of the kingdom.

**Announcements**

- Life-study of Mark MSG 37,38
- HWMR: 2025 Winter Training, Week 6
- 5/26 (Tue) 7:45pm, Prayer meeting at meeting hall
- 6/13, 8/8 10am.  
On-line Lessons on small groups by br. Minoru
- 5/22-5/25 International Memorial Day Blending Conference. Dallas, TX. NorCal video conference on 5/23-25, 10:30 am/7:30 pm everyday  
<https://www.norcalchurches.org/2026-memorial-day-conference/>
- 6/15-19 2026 Bay Area Bible Camp at FSCC. \$85
- 6/19 (Friday) Gospel meeting in meeting hall, love feast
- 6/29-7/4 Semiannual Training reg. fee: \$205/person
- 7/3-7/12 Summer video training at Santa Clara meeting hall. Registration by 6/14 \$130/person (incl. outline \$5)

2026 Summer Semiannual Video Training Schedule

Message #	Dates	Time	In-person / online	Comments
1	7/03 (Fri)	9 to 10:30am	In-person	open mtg
2	7/03 (Fri)	11 to 12:30pm	In-person	
3	7/04 (Sat)	9 to 10:30am	In-person	
4	7/04 (Sat)	11 to 12:30pm	In-person	
5	7/05 (LD)	1 to 2:30pm	In-person	
6	7/05 (LD)	3 to 4:30pm	In-person	
7	7/07 (Tue)	7:30 to 9pm	online	
8	7/11 (Sat)	9 to 10:30am	In-person	
9	7/11 (Sat)	11 to 12:30pm	In-person	
10	7/11 (Sat)	4 to 5:30pm	In-person	
11	7/12 (LD)	1 to 2:30pm	In-person	
12	7/12 (LD)	3 to 4:30pm	In-person	

- 7/21-26. NorCal Summer School of Truth.
- 7/22-7/26 North America Chinese speaking perfecting training, east coast session.
- 7/29-8/2 FSCC. North America Chinese speaking perfecting training, west coast session. \$250/person (\$50 outline, \$200 food)
- 9/4-6 NorCal Labor Day Conference held at Burlingame Hyatt
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