

## **Mark Chapter 12 Study Guide**

Jesus said to them, "Is this not the reason you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God? Mark 12:24

### ***Instructions:***

***Take a moment to rid yourself of distractions. Slow your breathing down, and clear your mind. When ready, pray to God and ask him to give you insight into his word. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit for understanding while you read.***

### **Read Mark 11:27; then read Mark 12:1-12**

1. This is a continued conversation from Mark 11. Who is Jesus speaking this parable to?
2. Read Isaiah 5:1-7. Do these two readings seem similar? Why or why not?
3. Why does Jesus employ a parable here in this passage now?
4. What was the parable in response to?
5. What scripture does Jesus quote to them? (This is found in Psalm 118: 22-24.)
6. How do the chief priests, scribes, and elders react to this parable?

### **Read Mark 12:13-17**

1. Who goes to Jesus in this section?
2. What were they trying to do?

### **Read Mark 12:18-27**

1. Who comes to Jesus in this text?
2. This is the first time we have seen this group of people in Mark. Even if this is your first time reading the gospel of Mark, what do we already know about the Sadducees? (18).
3. What story do they present to Jesus?
4. How does Jesus respond?
5. How do you think the Sadducees would have reacted to this conversation with Jesus?

### **Read Mark 12:28-34**

1. There are so many people who come to Jesus here in the temple! Who approaches Jesus in this passage?
2. What does the scribe notice about Jesus's responses to the each group of people?
3. What does he inquire about?
4. How does Jesus respond?
5. What is the reaction of everyone else?

### **Read Mark 12:35-37**

1. What question does Jesus ask them?

### **Read Mark 12:38-44**

1. What does Jesus warn the people?
2. Who does he praise and why?