

QUESTIONS, QUESTIONS, AND MORE QUESTIONS!

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Study of Mark / Mark 12:13-34

Introduction: The People Who Asked.

THE PHARISEES - Often labeled as “the conservatives” these religious leaders believed in miracles and the resurrection of the dead. They also believed in the “Oral Law.” This Oral Law was full of traditions that were added to the written law. Some of these traditions also came into conflict with the written law of God.

THE SADDUCEES - Often labeled as the “religious liberals” this group of Jewish spiritual leaders denied the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead, and the existence of angels. Basically, they denied anything miraculous. They were opposed to the oral law and believed strictly in the written law of Moses. Smith’s Bible Dictionary says, “Except on one occasion ([Mat 16:1](#); [Mat 16:4](#); [Mat 16:6](#)), Christ never assailed the Sadducees with the same bitter denunciations, which he uttered against the Pharisees”

THE HERODIANS - These were politicians, not religious leaders. They supported King Herod and his family. They also supported Rome. They united with the Pharisees against Jesus, even though the Pharisees would have naturally been opposed to the Herodians. Both found a common enemy in Christ.

THE SCRIBES - These were experts in the law of Moses and the public teachers of it. Traditionally, they were responsible for making copies of the law. In Jesus’ time, they also were experts in the Oral Law.

I. The Pharisees and Herodians Ask Their Questions. (13-17)

II. The Sadducees Ask Their Questions. (18-27)

III. The Scribe Asks His Questions. (28-34)