



# The Last Week

Following the Lord Jesus through the week leading up to His death and resurrection

4. The fig tree  
and the traps set

# Where are we up to?

Saturday  
(Sabbath)

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey and returns to Bethany in the evening

Jesus clears the Temple and returns to Bethany in the evening

Jesus is challenged by the rulers. He teaches His disciples about the last days and that night He is anointed by Mary at Bethany.

(Judas agrees to betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver)

Jesus has the **Passover meal** with the Twelve and is later arrested in Gethsemane.

Jesus is tried and crucified. 



Friday

Sabbath  
day

Sunday



# Monday

Now in the morning,  
as He returned to the city,  
He was hungry.

(Matthew 21:18)

When He came to it,  
**He found nothing but leaves**

(Mark 11:13)



**Monday**

Leaves...

**but no fruit...**

***“Let no one eat fruit from you ever again.”***

(Mark 11:14)

# Monday

When evening had come,  
He went out of the city.

(Mark 11:19)



# Tuesday

Now in the morning,  
as they passed by,  
they saw the fig tree  
**dried up from the roots.**

(Mark 11:20)

**“Rabbi, look!”**



# Tuesday

## Have faith in God.

(Mark 11:22)

Therefore I say to you,  
whatever things you ask when you pray,  
believe that you receive them,  
and you will have them.

(Mark 11:24)

# Tuesday

*And whenever you stand praying,  
if you have anything against anyone,  
**forgive him...***

(Mark 11:25)



# Tuesday

## Four Traps Set...

1. By what **authority** do you do these things?
2. Should we pay **taxes** to Caesar or not?
3. Do you believe in the **resurrection**?
4. Which is the **greatest commandment**?



# 1. By what **authority** do you do these things?



## **The trap:**

You have to have authority from someone to teach

## **The Lord's answer:**

*"The baptism of John—was it **from heaven or from men?**  
Answer me."*

(Mark 11:29-30)

We do not know ...



# Three parables

- The obedience of two sons

(Matthew 21:28-32)

- The vineyard and the servants of the owner

(Matthew 21:33-46)

- The wedding feast and the unwilling guests

(Matthew 22:1-14)

## The first parable:

The first: **I will not** – but later he did go.

The second: **I will** – but he did not.

*“Which of the two did the will of his father?”*

(Matthew 21:31)

*John came to you in the way of righteousness,  
and you did not believe him...*

(Matthew 21:32)

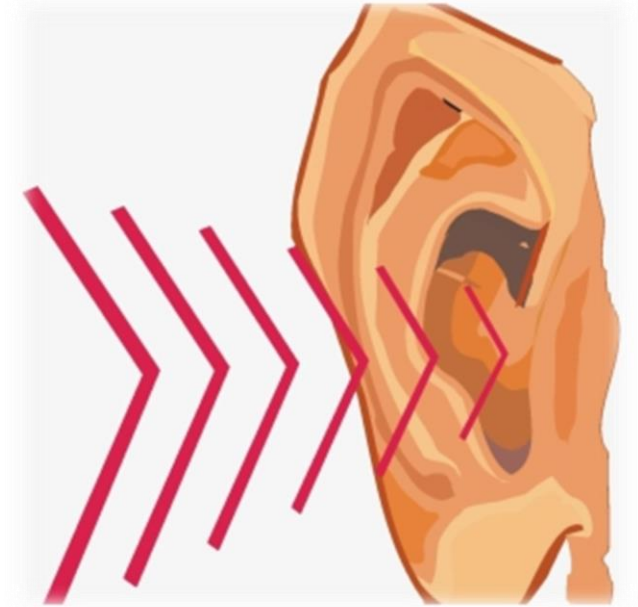




## **Pay attention to what you hear...**

For whoever has, to him more will be given;  
but whoever does not have,  
even what he has will be taken away from him.

(Mark 4:24a, 25)



## 2. Should we pay **taxes** to Caesar or not?

### **The trap:**

Are you a rebel or are you a traitor?

### **The Lord's answer:**

*“Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's,  
and to God the things that are God's.”*

(Mark 12:17)

**And they marveled at Him...**



### 3. Do you believe in the **resurrection**?



#### **The trap:**

The Sadducees did not believe there was a resurrection...

#### **The Lord's answer:**

*"You are mistaken,  
not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God."*

(Matthew 22:29)



*'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.'*

***God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.***

(Matthew 22:32)

## 4. Which is the **greatest commandment**?



### **The trap:**

They want to show that He has missed something important...

### **The Lord's answer:**

*'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, and with all your mind.'*

*This is the **first and great** commandment.*

*And the **second** is like it:*

*'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'*

(Matthew 22:37-39)



# The Lord's question...

“What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?”

“The Son of David.”

Psalm 110:1

*The LORD said to my Lord,*

*“Sit at My right hand,*

*Till I make Your enemies Your footstool”*

And no one was able to answer Him a word,  
nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

(Matthew 22:46)

What do YOU think about the Christ?

Whose son is he?

## Two remaining parables...

- The vineyard and the servants of the owner

(Matthew 21:33-46)

- The wedding feast and the unwilling guests

(Matthew 22:1-14)