

Passion Week—Parable of the King’s Wedding Banquet (Tuesday, March 31, 33)

Matthew 22:1–14

- 1 And continuing, Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying,
 2 “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man—a king—who gave a wedding celebration for his son.
 3 And he sent his slaves to summon those who had been invited to the wedding celebration, and they did not want to come.
 4 Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited, “Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fattened *cattle* have been slaughtered, and everything *is* ready. Come to the wedding celebration!’”
 5 But they paid no attention *and* went away—this one to his own field, that one to his business.
 6 And the others, seizing his slaves, mistreated *them* and killed *them*.
 7 And the king was angry and sent his troops *and* destroyed those murderers and burned their city.
 8 Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding celebration is ready, but those who had been invited were not worthy.
 9 Therefore, *go out to the places where* the roads exit the city and invite to the wedding celebration as many *people* as you find.’
 10 And those slaves went out into the roads *and* gathered everyone whom they found, both evil and good, and the wedding celebration was filled with dinner guests.
 11 But *when* the king came in to see the dinner guests, he saw a man there not dressed *in* wedding clothes.
 12 And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here, not having wedding clothes?’ But he could say nothing.
 13 Then the king said to the servants, ‘Tie him up hand and foot *and* throw him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth!’
 14 For many are called but few *are* chosen.”

Passion Week—Question about Taxes (Tuesday, March 31, 33)

Matthew 22:15–22	Mark 12:13–17	Luke 20:20–26
<p>15 Then the Pharisees went and consulted so that they could entrap him with a statement.</p> <p>16 And they sent their disciples to him with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are truthful and teach the way of God in truth, and you do not care what anyone thinks, because you do not regard the opinion of people. 17 Therefore tell us what you think. Is it permitted to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”</p> <p>18 But <i>because he</i> knew their maliciousness, Jesus said, “Hypocrites! Why are you testing me? 19 Show me the coin for the tax!”</p> <p>So they brought him a denarius. 20 And he said to them, “Whose image and inscription <i>is</i> this?” 21 They said to him, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore give to Caesar the things of Caesar, and to God the things of God!”</p> <p>22 And <i>when they</i> heard <i>this</i>, they were astonished, and they left him <i>and</i> went away.</p>	<p>13 And they sent some of the Pharisees and the Herodians to him so that they could catch him unawares in a statement.</p> <p>14 And <i>when they</i> came, they said to him, “Teacher, we know that you are truthful and you do not care what anyone thinks, because you do not regard the opinion of people but teach the way of God in truth. Is it permitted to pay taxes to Caesar or not? Should we pay or should we not pay?”</p> <p>15 But <i>because he</i> knew their hypocrisy, he said to them, “Why are you testing me? Bring me a denarius so that I can look at <i>it</i>!” 16 So they brought <i>one</i>. And he said to them, “Whose image and inscription <i>is</i> this?” And they said to him, “Caesar’s.” 17 And Jesus said to them, “Give to Caesar the things of Caesar, and to God the things of God!”</p> <p>And they were utterly amazed at him.</p>	<p>20 And they watched <i>him</i> closely <i>and</i> sent spies who pretended they were upright, in order that they could catch him in a statement, so that they could hand him over to the authority and the jurisdiction of the governor. 21 And they asked him, saying, “Teacher, we know that you speak and teach rightly, and do not show partiality, but teach the way of God in truth. 22 Is it permitted <i>for us</i> to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”</p> <p>23 But seeing through their craftiness, he said to them, 24 “Show me a denarius!</p> <p>Whose image and inscription does it have?” And they answered <i>and</i> said, “Caesar’s.” 25 So he said to them, “Well then, give to Caesar the things of Caesar, and to God the things of God!” 26 And they were not able to catch <i>him</i> in a statement in the sight of the people, and astonished at his answer, they became silent.</p>

Passion Week—Question about the Resurrection (Tuesday, March 31, 33)

Matthew 22:23–33	Mark 12:18–27	Luke 20:27–40
<p>23 On that day Sadducees— who say there is no resurrection— came up to him and asked him, 24 saying, “Teacher, Moses said if someone dies</p> <p>without having children, his brother is to marry his wife and father descendants for his brother. [Deut 25:5] 25 Now there were seven brothers with us. And the first died <i>after</i> getting married, and <i>because he</i> did not have descendants, he left his wife to his brother. 26 So also the second</p> <p>and the third, up to the seventh.</p> <p>27 And last of all the woman died. 28 In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all had her <i>as wife</i>.” 29 But Jesus answered <i>and</i> said to them, “You are mistaken, <i>because you</i> do not know the scriptures or the power of God!</p> <p>30 For</p> <p>in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage,</p> <p>but are like angels of God in heaven.</p> <p>31 Now concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what</p> <p>was spoken to you by God, who said, 32 “I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob”? [Exod 3:6] He is not the God of the dead, but of the living!”</p> <p>33 And <i>when</i> the crowds heard <i>this</i>, they were amazed at his teaching.</p>	<p>18 And Sadducees— who say there is no resurrection— came up to him and began to ask him, saying, 19 “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if someone’s brother dies and he leaves behind a wife and does not leave a child, that his brother should take the wife and father descendants for his brother. 20 There were seven brothers, and the first took a wife. And <i>when he</i> died, he did not leave descendants.</p> <p>21 And the second took her, and he died without leaving descendants. And the third likewise. 22 And the seven did not leave descendants. Last of all the woman also died. 23 In the resurrection, when they rise, whose wife will she be? For the seven had her <i>as wife</i>. 24 Jesus said to them, “Are you not deceived because of this, <i>because you</i> do not know the scriptures or the power of God?</p> <p>25 For when they</p> <p>rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage,</p> <p>but are like angels in heaven.</p> <p>26 Now concerning the dead, that they are raised, have you not read in the book of Moses in the passage about the bush how God spoke to him, saying, ‘I <i>am</i> the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob’? 27 He is not God of the dead, but of the living. You are very much mistaken!”</p>	<p>27 Now some of the Sadducees— who deny that there is a resurrection— came up <i>and</i> asked him, 28 saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us if someone’s brother dies having a wife, and this man is childless, that his brother should take the wife and father descendants for his brother. 29 Now there were seven brothers, and the first took a wife <i>and</i> died childless,</p> <p>30 and the second,</p> <p>31 and the third took her, and likewise also the seven did not leave children and died. 32 Finally the woman also died. 33 Therefore in the resurrection, the woman—whose wife will she be? For the seven had her <i>as wife</i>.” 34 And Jesus said to them,</p> <p>“The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, 35 but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and <i>to</i> the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, 36 for they are not even able to die any longer, because they are like the angels and are sons of God, <i>because they</i> are sons of the resurrection. 37 But that the dead are raised, even Moses revealed in <i>the passage about</i> the bush, when he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and <i>the</i> God of Isaac and <i>the</i> God of Jacob. 38 Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him!”</p> <p>39 And some of the scribes answered <i>and</i> said, “Teacher, you have spoken well.” 40 For they no longer dared to ask him anything.</p>

Passion Week – Question about the Law (Tuesday, March 31, 33)

Matthew 22:34–40	Mark 12:28–34a
<p>34 Now <i>when</i> the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they assembled at the same <i>place</i>.</p> <p>35 And one of them, a legal expert,</p> <p>put a question to <i>him</i> to test him:</p> <p>36 “Teacher, which commandment <i>is</i> greatest in the law?”</p> <p>37 And he said to him,</p> <p>“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’</p> <p>38 This is the greatest and first commandment.</p> <p>39 And the second <i>is</i> like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ [Lev 19:18]</p> <p>40 On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.”</p>	<p>28 And one of the scribes came up <i>and</i> heard them debating. <i>When he</i> saw that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?”</p> <p>29 Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Listen, Israel! The Lord our God, the Lord is one.</p> <p>30 And you shall love the Lord your God from your whole heart and from your whole soul and from your whole mind and from your whole strength.’ [Deut 6:4–5]</p> <p>31 The second <i>is</i> this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”</p> <p>32 And the scribe said to him, “That is true, Teacher. You have said correctly that he is one and there is no other except him.</p> <p>33 And to love him from your whole heart and from your whole understanding and from your whole strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”</p> <p>34a And Jesus, <i>when he</i> saw that he had answered thoughtfully, said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.”</p>

Passion Week – Question about the Messiah (Tuesday, March 31, 33)

Matthew 22:41–46	Mark 12:34b–37	Luke 20:41–44
<p>41 Now <i>while</i> the Pharisees were assembled, Jesus asked them,</p> <p>42 saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?”</p> <p>They said to him, “David’s.”</p> <p>43 He said to them, “How then does David, by the Spirit, call him ‘Lord,’ saying,</p> <p>44 ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet” ’? [Ps 110:1]</p> <p>45 If then David calls him ‘Lord,’ how is he his son?”</p> <p>46 And no one was able to answer him a word, nor did anyone dare from that day on to ask him any more <i>questions</i>.</p>	<p>35 And continuing, Jesus said <i>while</i> teaching in the temple <i>courts</i>, “How can the scribes say that the Christ is David’s son?”</p> <p>36 David himself said by the Holy Spirit, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet.”’</p> <p>37a David himself calls him ‘Lord,’ and how is he his son?”</p> <p>34b And no one dared to put a question to him any longer.</p> <p>37b And the large crowd was listening to him gladly.</p>	<p>41 But he said to them, “In what sense do they say <i>that</i> the Christ is David’s son?”</p> <p>42 For David himself says in the book of Psalms, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”’</p> <p>44 David therefore calls him ‘Lord,’ and how is he his son?”</p>

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