

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

Matthew 22:1–14

- 1 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying:
- 2 “The kingdom of heaven can be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son.
- 3 He sent his slaves to summon those who had been invited to the banquet, but they would not come.
- 4 Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited, “Look! The feast I have prepared for you is ready. My oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.”’
- 5 But they were indifferent and went away, one to his farm, another to his business.
- 6 The rest seized his slaves, insolently mistreated them, and killed them.
- 7 The king was furious! He sent his soldiers, and they put those murderers to death and set their city on fire.
- 8 Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but the ones who had been invited were not worthy.
- 9 So go into the main streets and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’
- 10 And those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all they found, both bad and good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.
- 11 But when the king came in to see the wedding guests, he saw a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes.
- 12 And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without wedding clothes?’ But he had nothing to say.
- 13 Then the king said to his attendants, ‘Tie him up hand and foot and throw him into the outer darkness, where 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

15 Then the Pharisees went out and planned together to entrap him with his own words.

16 They sent to him their disciples along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are truthful, and teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You do not court anyone’s favor because you show no partiality.

17 Tell us then, what do you think? Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”

18 But Jesus realized their evil intentions and said, “Hypocrites! Why are you testing me?

19 Show me the coin used for the tax.” So they brought him a denarius.

20 Jesus said to them, “Whose image is this, and whose inscription?”

21 They replied, “Caesar’s.” He said to them, “Then give to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

22 Now when they heard this they were stunned, and they left him and went away.

13 Then they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to trap him with his own words.

14 When they came they said to him, “Teacher, we know that you are truthful and do not court anyone’s favor, because you show no partiality but teach the way of God in accordance with the truth.

Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not? Should we pay or shouldn’t we?”

15 But he saw through their hypocrisy and said to them, “Why are you testing me? Bring me a denarius and let me look at it.”

16 So they brought one, and he said to them, “Whose image is this, and whose inscription?” They replied, “Caesar’s.”

17 Then Jesus said to them, “Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

And they were utterly amazed at him.

20 Then they watched him carefully and sent spies who pretended to be sincere. They wanted to take advantage of what he might say so that they could deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

21 Thus they asked him, “Teacher, we know that you speak and teach correctly, and show no partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with the truth.

22 Is it right for us to pay the tribute tax to Caesar or not?”

23 But Jesus perceived their deceit and said to them,

24 “Show me a denarius.

Whose image and inscription are on it?” They said, “Caesar’s.”

25 So he said to them, “Then give to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

26 Thus they were unable in the presence of the people to trap him with his own words.

And stunned by his answer, they fell silent.

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

Matthew 22:23–33	Mark 12:18–27	Luke 20:27–39
<p>23 The same day Sadducees (who say there is no resurrection) came to Him and asked him,</p> <p>24 “Teacher, Moses said, <i>‘If a man dies without having children, his brother must marry the widow and father children for his brother.’</i> [Deut 25:5]</p> <p>25 Now there were seven brothers among us. The first one married and died, and since he had no children he left his wife to his brother.</p> <p>26 The second did the same,</p> <p>and the third, down to the seventh.</p> <p>27 Last of all, the woman died.</p> <p>28 In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all had married her.”</p> <p>29 Jesus answered them, “You are deceived, because you don’t know the scriptures or the power of God.</p> <p>30 For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.</p> <p>31 Now as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God,</p> <p>32 <i>‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?’</i> [Exod 3:6] He is not the God of the dead but of the living!”</p> <p>33 When the crowds heard this, they were amazed at his teaching.</p>	<p>18 Sadducees (who say there is no resurrection) also came to him and asked him,</p> <p>19 “Teacher, Moses wrote for us: <i>‘If a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, that man must marry the widow and father children for his brother.’</i></p> <p>20 There were seven brothers. The first one married, and when he died he had no children.</p> <p>21 The second married her and died without any children, and likewise the third.</p> <p>22 None of the seven had children.</p> <p>Finally, the woman died too.</p> <p>23 In the resurrection, when they rise again, whose wife will she be? For all seven had married her.”</p> <p>24 Jesus said to them, “Aren’t you deceived for this reason, because you don’t know the scriptures or the power of God?</p> <p>25 For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.</p> <p>26 Now as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God said to him, <i>‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?’</i></p> <p>27 He is not the God of the dead but of the living. You are badly mistaken!”</p>	<p>27 Now some Sadducees (who contend that there is no resurrection) came to him.</p> <p>28 They asked him, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that <i>‘if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, that man must marry the widow and father children for his brother.’</i></p> <p>29 Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died without children.</p> <p>30 The second</p> <p>31 and then the third married her, and in this same way all seven died, leaving no children.</p> <p>32 Finally the woman died too.</p> <p>33 In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For all seven had married her.”</p> <p>34 So Jesus said to them,</p> <p>“The people of this age marry and are given in marriage.</p> <p>35 But those who are regarded as worthy to share in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage.</p> <p>36 In fact, they can no longer die, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, since they are sons of the resurrection.</p> <p>37 But even Moses revealed that the dead are raised in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord <i>the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.</i></p> <p>38 Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live before him.”</p> <p>39 Then some of the experts in the law answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well!”</p>

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

Matthew 22:34–40	Mark 12:28–34a
<p>34 Now when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they assembled together.</p> <p>35 And one of them, an expert in religious law, asked him a question to test him:</p>	<p>28 Now one of the experts in the law came and heard them debating. When he saw that Jesus answered them well, he asked him,</p>

<p>36 “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” 37 Jesus said to him,</p> <p>“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 The second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’</p> <p>40 All the law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.”</p>	<p>“Which commandment is the most important of all?” 29 Jesus answered, “The most important is: ‘Listen, Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ [Deut 6:4–5]</p> <p>31 The second is: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ [Lev 19:18] There is no other commandment greater than these.”</p> <p>32 The expert in the law said to him, “That is true, Teacher; you are right to say that he is one, and there is no one else besides him. 33 And to love him with all your heart, with all your mind, and with all your strength and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.” 34a When Jesus saw that he had answered thoughtfully, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.”</p>
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Passion Week – Question about the Messiah (Tuesday, March 31, 33)

Matthew 22:41–46	Mark 12:34b–37	Luke 20:40–44
<p>41 While the Pharisees were assembled, Jesus asked them a question: 42 “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said, “The son of David.” 43 He said to them, “How then does David by the Spirit call him ‘Lord,’ saying, 44 ‘The Lord said to my lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”?’ [Ps 110:1] 45 If David then calls him ‘Lord,’ how can he be his son?” 46 No one was able to answer him a word, and from that day on no one dared to question him any longer.</p>	<p>35 While Jesus was teaching in the temple courts, he said, “How is it that the experts in the law say that the Christ is David’s son? 36 David himself, by the Holy Spirit, said, ‘The Lord said to my lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet.”’ 37a If David himself calls him ‘Lord,’ how can he be his son?”</p> <p>34b Then no one dared any longer to question him. 37b And the large crowd was listening to him with delight.</p>	<p>41 But he said to them, “How is it that they say that the Christ is David’s son? 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.”’ 44 If David then calls him ‘Lord,’ how can he be his son?”</p> <p>40 For they did not dare any longer to ask him anything.</p>

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