

The Last Three Doctrines Of The Temple

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MARK 12:35-44

Intro. A. Jesus loved the temple in Jerusalem.

1. He thought of it as "His Father's house".
2. He believed it to be a, "house of prayer".
3. Jesus was Jealous of it. He defended it by word and deed.

B. Jesus was fervently opposed by those who were involved in the Temple's ministry.

1. It was the Temple's ministry, Not Gods.
2. The sectarian groups sought His destruction.
3. The Pharisees, the Herodians, the Sadducees, the Lawyers, the Scribes, all plotted against Him.

C. At this time we will consider the three last lessons that Jesus taught in the temple.

Vs. 34c 1. They will not be based on questions for He had silenced them with His answers. Therefore, "... no man after that durst ask him any question".

2. In these teachings He speaks specifically to the scribes, (35-37), to the crowd, 38-40, and to the disciples, 41-44.

I. Actions Don't Always Speak Louder Than Words.
(To The Scribes)

A. And Jesus answered and said, while he taught in the temple, How say the scribes that Christ is the son of David".

1. The scribes were saying that Jesus was not the Messiah because His actions were not consistent with those of David.

2. They believed He should fulfill the

vs. 40 7. These people will be closely judged.

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III. Jesus Taught His Disciples About The Nature of Temple Offerings.

A. Jesus ^{sat} over (opposite) the container that was used to collect money to buy items for use in the temple. The opening was like a trumpet.
vs. 41a 1. He watched as people cast in their money.
2. Remember, He knows all about all of us.

B. There were many contributors.
vs. 41b 1. "...many that were rich cast in much".
vs. 42 2. The poor widow cast in two pieces of copper.
3. she cast in all that she had.

C. The nature of giving.
vs. 43 1. She cast in out of her need.
vs. 44 2. They cast in out of their abundance.

D. It isn't what we give but what we have left after we give.
1. This not about day to day giving.
2. It is about occasional giving.
3. she was a widow, perhaps alone.