

The Gospel according to

Mark 12:1-12 | Parable of the Evil Farmers

Given:

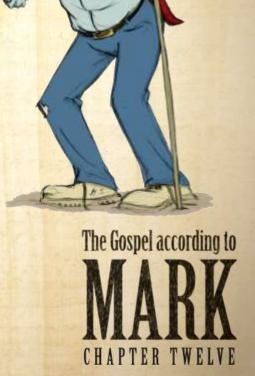
A vineyard for harvesting, to tenants.

Choice:

Greed, breaking contract, rebellion, evil.

Jesus perspective:

Story about the Pharisees - rejecting Jesus, but the farm owner (God) will not tolerate their choices.



Mark 12:13-17 | Taxes for Caesar

Given:

Finances

Choice:

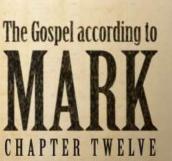
To pay tax to Caesar or not?

Jesus perspective:

Jesus said, "give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God."

Mark 12:17a





Mark 12:18-27 | Resurrection from the dead

Given:

God's law (regarding marriage and resurrection), to the Sadducees.

Choice:

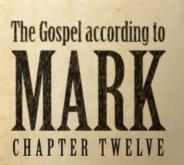
Legalism, complication, confusion and distortion.

Jesus perspective:

Jesus replied, "Your mistake is that you don't know the Scriptures, and you don't know the power of God.

Mark 12:14

So God is the God of the living, not the dead. You have made a serious error." Mark 12:27



Mark 12:28-34 | The most important commandments

Given:

Commandments

Choice:

A healthy perspective, understanding and priorities.

Jesus perspective:

Realizing how much the man understood, Jesus said to him, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God." Mark 12:34





Mark 12:35-40 | Who's Son is the Messiah?

Given:

Teaching and the teachers of the law (to people in the temple)

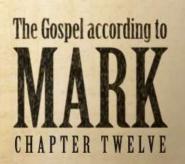
Choice:

Taking their teaching cautiously Jesus perspective:

"Beware of these teachers of religious law!"

Mark 12:38a





Mark 12:41-44 | The Widow's Offering

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

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