

#### IV. 22:41-46 A Messiah Who Saves & Transforms Every Disciple

A. Son of David?

➤ Malachi 3:1

B. Who do you say I am?

#### LIVE THE STORY

*We must not only love the Gospel Story, we must begin to live the Gospel Story, indeed, to have the Central Character live in us.*

- What heart issue does Jesus expose in answer to the question about paying taxes to Caesar? How?
  - Is this issue applicable to disciples also, or only Pharisees? How are we to respond?
- What theological issue and what heart issue is exposed in answer to the Sadducees' question?
  - Do disciples ever have that same "heart murmur"? How might it be discovered? How might it manifest itself?
- Is Jesus' summary of the law (vs. 34-40) also a third commandment (or first) as our culture teaches us, "love your self"? Explain.
- How can love of neighbor or love of God motivate everything commanded by the law?
- How is it that the Messiah is the son of David and, yet, David calls him Lord? What mystery is Jesus drawing their attention to? Why is His identity central for the disciple?

#### Heart Murmur Tests for Every Pharisee, Sadducee and Disciple

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Text: Matthew 22:15—23:12

#### Introduction

A. The Pharisees Corruption

B. Jesus passes the tests.

C. How do we fair?

➤ 2 Cor. 13:5

#### I. 22:15-22 There is a Pharisee in Every Disciple

A. The Pharisees and Herodians make strange bedfellows.

B. Jesus' answer turns the tables

- i. *"Rome's tax doesn't keep you from worshiping God with what is due Him."*

## II. 22:23-33 There is a Sadducee in Every Disciple

A. *they say there is no resurrection*

B. The Sadducees' question

C. Jesus addresses their two-fold error:

- i. You don't know the Scriptures
- ii. You don't know the power of God.

D. Jesus addresses their ***theological problem***

- i. "I **am** the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."

E. ***The heart problem:*** Sadducees don't believe in the power of God.

- There is a Sadducee in every disciple... that must be rooted out.

## III. 22:34-40 There is a Lover of Self in Every Disciple

A. These truths are not new to this Gospel.

- i. Matthew 5:43-48

- i. 19:16-21

B. The American distortion of these verses:

- i. *"This verse tells us that in order to love our neighbor we have to first love ourselves!"*

- Matthew 23:6-7

- Matthew 23:8-11

C. Every disciple needs to remember his propensity to break these commands.