

MATTHEW – LESSON FIFTEEN

I. DISCUSSIONS AND QUESTIONS IN THE TEMPLE (21:23-22:46)

- A. Chief priests and elders demand source for Jesus' actions (21:23-27).
- B. Jesus speaks three parables emphasizing attitudes towards Jesus (21:28-22:14).
 - 1. Parable of the two sons: Jewish leaders' attitude towards doing the will of the Father contrasted with publicans and harlots (v.28-32).
 - 2. Parable of the wicked husbandmen: Jewish leaders in rejecting God's Son (v. 33-46).
 - 3. Parable of the King's wedding feast: King's invitation of marriage feast for His Son offered, rejected and to be properly accepted (22:1-14).
- C. Pharisees question Jesus concerning paying tribute to Caesar (22:15-22).
- D. Sadducees question Jesus about the Resurrection (22:23-33).
- E. Pharisees question Jesus about the Greatest Commandment (22:34-40).
- F. Jesus questions Pharisees concerning the Lordship of the Christ (22:41-46).

QUESTIONS:

- 1. What things had Jesus done that caused the chief priests and elders to ask him about the authority behind his actions?
- 2. Why did Jesus answer the Jewish leaders' question with a question concerning the authority behind his actions?
- 3. From what two sources do we have authority?
- 4. Why did Jesus not directly answer their question concerning authority?
- 5. How could the Jews have done the will of God in the parable of the two sons?

6. How did the Jewish leaders manifest the character of the husbandmen in the parable of the wicked husbandmen?
7. How does Jesus lead the Jewish leaders to properly condemn themselves?
8. How is Psalm 118:22-23 fulfilled in Jesus?
Can one avoid Jesus and escape judgment before God?
9. To whom shall the kingdom of God be given to in the parable of the wicked husbandmen?
10. Why did the Pharisees fear laying hold on Jesus?
11. How were those invited to the King's marriage feast for His Son not worthy?
12. Who are "the chosen" that are "few" in Jesus' parable of the invitation to the marriage feast?
13. Why did the Pharisees seek to ask Jesus questions?
14. How is this motive seen in the first ones sent to question Jesus?
15. What principle does Jesus teach us regarding giving tribute to Caesar?
16. What was the question from the Sadducees designed to do?
17. In what two ways did the Sadducees err in the thrust of the question?

