



Unit 26, Session 2

Jesus Was Questioned

Matthew 22; Mark 12;
Luke 20

Story Point: Jesus spoke with wisdom and authority.

The religious leaders decided to ask tricky questions to catch Him saying something wrong. They sent some men to Jesus. The men said, “Teacher, is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”

“Why are you trying to trick Me?” He asked. “Show Me the coin you use to pay taxes.” The men brought Him a denarius. Jesus asked, “Whose picture is on the coin?”

“Caesar’s,” they answered. Jesus said, “Then give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and give to God what belongs to God.” The men were amazed at what Jesus said, and they went away.

Later, the religious leaders came to question Jesus again. “Teacher, which command in the law is the greatest?” they asked.

Jesus answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with

all your mind, and with all your strength. The second most important command is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Then Jesus asked the religious leaders a question: “Whose son is the Messiah?”

“David’s,” they said.

“How can that be?” Jesus asked. “David called the Messiah ‘Lord.’ Why would he do that if the Messiah is his son?”

The religious leaders didn’t know what to say. Their plan had failed, and no one was brave enough to ask Him any more questions.

Christ Connection: When the religious leaders questioned Jesus, He answered with wisdom and power. Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. He is the Word of God, who came to show us exactly what God is like. Jesus has authority in heaven and on earth.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Can you spot the truth? Circle the statements that are true, and cross out the statements that are false.
 - A *beefalo* is part bison, part cow.
 - Bloodhounds can follow a scent that is 40 days old.
 - The Book of Psalms contains 150 psalms.
 - A baby porcupine is called a *porcupette*.
 - New Zealand has more sheep than people.
 - Early golf balls were filled with marshmallows.
- What does this story teach us about God?
- Why did the religious leaders question Jesus?

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APPLY the Story

- Why did the religious leaders ask Jesus questions? Were they really interested in what Jesus was teaching?
- How can we see Jesus' wisdom and authority in the way He answered the religious leaders?
- How can we answer life's questions with wisdom?

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APPLY the Story

- Find Philippians 2:8 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking Him for sending Jesus to show us what He is like and that because of His authority in heaven and on earth, we can trust Him as our firm foundation for life.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 20:22-26 | <input type="checkbox"/> John 8:25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 20:25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 40:11 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 119:105 | <input type="checkbox"/> John 8:32 |