

# Understand your Bible

## Suggested notes

### Mark 12

#### What we will see in this chapter:

- The religious leaders' reaction to a parable Jesus told
- The lessons from difficult questions Jesus was asked
- The most important commandments
- What Jesus taught about giving

#### 1 Read the chapter

#### 2 Questions to help us in our understanding of this chapter. Look at the chapter verses in your Bible and use the questions to help you make your notes.

Chapter verses	Questions (to help with your notes)	Suggested notes
1 to 8 <i>*Note: Husbandmen, tenants or vinedressers in other versions.</i>	1. What did the *farmers of the vineyard do when the owner wanted his share of the fruit?	They violently abused the messengers sent by the owner and finally killed his son so that they could inherit the vineyard.
9 to 11 <i>Text note: v 10: Jesus quotes Psalm 118 v 22 and 23.</i>	2. What did Jesus say the owner's response would be?	He will destroy the farmers and give the vineyard to others.
12	3. Why did the religious leaders want to arrest Jesus, and why didn't they do this?	They realised that Jesus' parable was about them. They didn't arrest him because they feared the reaction of the people.
13	4. Why did the leaders question Jesus about tax?	They wanted to trap him.
14 to 17	5. What was Jesus' reply to them after looking at the Roman coin?	He told them to give to Romans what was their due and likewise to God what was due to him.
18 <i>*Text note: Sadducees denied the resurrection, angels and spirits.</i>	6. Why did the *Sadducees ask their trick question?	They said there was no resurrection.

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19 to 27 <i>Text quote v 19: They refer to Deuteronomy 25 v 5 and 6.</i>	7. What was Jesus answer to the Sadducees' story about a woman married to seven brothers?	He said that those who are raised will not marry and will be like the angels.
28 to 34  <i>*Text note: v 10: Jesus quotes Deuteronomy 6 v 4 and 5 and Leviticus 19 v 18.</i>	8. Which are the greatest two commandments?	*'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'
35 to 37  <i>Text note: v 36: Jesus quoted Psalm 110 v 1.</i>	9. What problem did Jesus raise about whose son or descendant the Christ was?	The scribes said he was David's son. But David called him 'Lord' even though David was his ancestor.
38 to 40	10. What was wrong with the scribes' attitude?	They wanted attention from the people, but oppressed widows and were insincere.
41 to 44	11. What was Jesus teaching about giving money?	We should give what we are able – the amount is not important.

### 3 Related theme from v 17: **Submitting to authorities.**

Have a look at these related verses and see this theme running through the Bible. Make a note of the main point(s) in the verse(s).

Verse	Main point(s)
Proverbs 24 v 21	We should fear the LORD and our rulers and not associate with those who oppose them.
Romans 13 v 7	We should pay our dues and respect authority.
Titus 3 v 1	We are to be subject to rulers and authorities.
1 Peter 2 v 17	We should honour all people including our rulers.