### … On Whether We’re Married In HEAVEN.

***20****Now there were seven brothers. The first one married and died without leaving any children.****21****The second one married the widow, but he also died, leaving no child. It was the same with the third.****22****In fact, none of the seven left any children. Last of all, the woman died too.****23At the resurrection****whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?”* Mark 12:20-23

***24****Jesus replied, “Are you not in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God?****25****When the dead rise, they will* ***neither marry nor be given in marriage****; they will be like the angels in heaven.*

Mark 12:24-25

**KEY: We become *like* angels when we die, we do not become angels.**

***26****Now about the dead rising—have you not read in the Book of Moses, in the account of the burning bush, how God said to him, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’?****27****He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You are badly mistaken!”* Mark 12:26-27

* **… On The GREATEST Commandment.**

***28****One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”* Mark 12:28

***29****“The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.* ***30****Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’****31****The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’There is no commandment greater than these.”* Mark 12:29-33

**KEY: What you do is *who* you are.**

***34****When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.* Mark 12:34

**JESUS HANDLES “GOTCHA” QUESTIONS OF FAITH:**

**Mark Chapter 12**

*Jesus then began to speak to them in* ***parables****: “A man planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a pit for the winepress and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place.****2****At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants to collect from them some of the fruit of the vineyard.* ***3****But they seized him, beat him and sent him away empty-handed.* Mark 12:1-5

***6****“He had* ***one left to send, a son****, whom he loved. He sent him last of all, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’* ***7****“But the tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’****8****So they took him and killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.* Mark 12:6-8

***9****“What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.****10****Haven’t you read this passage of Scripture: “‘The stone the builders rejected has become the* ***cornerstone****;* ***11****the Lord has done this,  and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”* Mark 12:9-11

Vineyard: *Nation of Israe*l Landowner: *God.* Servants: *The Prophets*

***12****Then the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders looked for a way to* ***arrest him*** *because they knew he had spoken the parable against them. But they were afraid of the crowd; so they left him and went away.* Mark 12:12

### … On Whether We Pay Government TAXES.

***13****Later they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Jesus to* ***catch him in his words****.****14****… Is it right to pay the imperial taxto Caesar or not?* Mark 12:13-15

***15Should we pay or shouldn’t we****?” But Jesus knew their hypocrisy. “Why are you trying to trap me?” he asked. “Bring me a denarius and let me look at it.”****16****They brought the coin, and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?” “Caesar’s,” they replied.* ***17****Then Jesus said to them, “Give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s.” And they were amazed at him.* Mark 12:15-17

Mark 5:9-10

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