

**THE GREAT RELIGIOUS DEBATE
THE NEVER JESUS MOVEMENT**

Matthew 22:15-46

ROUND FOUR – JESUS TAKES ON THE PHARISEES

Matthew 22:41-46

Introduction: The Herodians sought to discredit Christ in the area of one's responsibility to government – Jesus' answer was concise and irrefutable - Yes it is right to pay taxes to Caesar – but it is also necessary to render to God what we owe Him. The Sadducees sought to discredit Christ in the area of doctrine – Again Jesus' answer is concise and very informative -Yes there is a resurrection – but it will transcend any physical relationship we now know on earth. The Pharisees sought to discredit Christ in the field of OT theology with their question concerning which of God's commands was the greatest – Jesus' answer was brilliant as He summarized the entire Law of God from two portions of Scripture – Love for God – Love for neighbor. They had been bringing Him their ingenuous questions – Now Jesus will give them a dose of their own medicine. Jesus takes the offensive by asking a series of questions focusing upon the real and most important issue – The Christ (Messiah). It is not taxes, resurrection, or commandments – It is the Messiah's true identity that must be determined – and that from the Scriptures – man's views and opinions mean nothing – God's Word alone is the authority. His purpose is not to win a debate but to elicit from them what the Scriptures themselves teach about Messiah – thus helping them, and all who were listening, and us here at IBC this morning, to recognize Who He really is and what the implications of Who He is have upon each and every one of us.

A. ROUND ONE – THE HERODIANS TAKE ON JESUS – Matthew 22:15-22

B. ROUND TWO – THE SADDUCEES TAKE ON JESUS – Matthew 22:23-33

C. ROUND THREE – THE PHARISEES TAKE ON JESUS – Matthew 22:34-40

D. ROUND FOUR – JESUS TAKES ON THE PHARISEES – Matthew 22:41-46

1. THE _____ QUESTION – 22:41-42a

“WHAT DO _____ THINK ABOUT THE CHRIST?”

2. THE _____ QUESTION – 22:42b

“WHOSE _____ IS HE?”

3. THE _____ ANSWER – 22:42c

“THE _____ OF DAVID”

4. THE _____ QUESTION – 22:43-44

“HOW THEN DOES DAVID IN THE SPIRIT CALL HIM _____”

5. THE _____ QUESTION – 22:45

“IF DAVID THEN CALLS HIM ‘LORD,’ HOW IS HE HIS _____?”

6. THE _____ ANSWER – 22:46

_____ *IS THE WRONG ANSWER TO THE DEITY OF CHRIST*

7. THE _____ ANSWER – Psalm 110; 2 Samuel 7:12-16

A. MESSIAH IS THE _____ OF DAVID

B. MESSIAH IS THE _____ OF DAVID

CONCLUSION AND APPLICATION: