

dig deeper

1. Review Mark 11:27-12:17. How do each of these encounters address the issue of Jesus' authority?
2. Read Mark 12:18-27. Who are the Sadducees? Why are they asking Jesus a question about the resurrection? What do you find interesting, confusing or challenging about Jesus' answer?
3. Read Mark 12:28-34. What do you think Jesus means when he says the teacher of the law is "not far from the kingdom of God"?
4. Read Mark 12:35-40. How would you summarize Jesus' criticism of the teachers of the law?
5. Read 12:41-13:2. What is the connection between the widow's offering and Jesus' declaration that the temple will be destroyed?
6. What lessons can we learn from this series of confrontations?

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"Showdown"