

ANALYSIS:

1. When Jesus asked the religious leaders, "Was John's baptism from heaven or of men?" why didn't they answer Him?

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2. What was the response of those who heard the parable of the vineyard? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Why did some spies ask Jesus if it was lawful to give tribute to Caesar?

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4. How did Jesus correct and teach the Sadducees regarding the resurrection? \_\_\_\_\_

5. What is the answer to Jesus' question, "How say they that Christ is David's son?"? \_\_\_\_\_

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Jesus concluded the parable of the vineyard by foretelling the destruction of Israel and their service and worship of God being given to others. The Jews answered, "God forbid." Note the next words; "And he beheld them." Jesus looked these people right in the eye and spoke their sentence. Either fall in humble and broken submission on Christ or face Him in judgment when he will grind you to powder. Some meet this judgment twice; first in this life they experience the judgment of God for their ungodly and rebellious ways, and secondly in the final judgment of the Great White Throne. What a fearful future awaited those religious pretenders before Jesus. They knew He spoke of them, but their desire was to lay hands on Jesus which proved they deserved to be ground "to powder."

Let us who are redeemed sinners gratefully love and humbly and obediently serve our Lord Jesus. He is a faithful Captain of our salvation. There is a verse of the hymn, "Trust and Obey," which reads as follows. "But we never can prove the delights of His love until all on the altar we lay; for the favor He shows, and the joy he bestows, are for them who will trust and obey. Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey." (page 672 Red hymnal).

HELP:

1. If they answered, "From heaven," they knew Jesus would ask them, "Why didn't you believe him?" and they would stand condemned before God. If they answered, "From men," they feared the people would stone them, for the people believed John was a true prophet of God (vs 5-6).

2. God forbid (v 16).

3. They hoped to take his words, that is, to catch him saying something against the Roman government so they could accuse Him and deliver him to the governor (v 20).

4. He reminded them that Moses showed the dead are raised "when he called the LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, for He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for all live unto Him" (vs 37-38).

5. Because Christ is of two natures. By physical birth He is in David's family, but because He is God incarnate in the flesh, He is David's Lord (vs 42-44).