

## DAVID CALLS HIM “LORD”

Mark 12:28-44

Key Verse: 12:37

**“David himself calls him ‘Lord.’ How then can he be his son?’ The large crowd listened to him with delight.”**

1. What might have motivated a teacher of the law to question Jesus (28)? In Jesus’ answer, what does it mean that “the Lord our God, the Lord is one” (29; Dt 6:4)? How were the Israelites commanded to love God (30; Dt 6:5)? To love their neighbor (31a; Lev 19:18)?
2. What did Jesus teach about his view of the law? (31b)? In affirming Jesus’ answer, what contrast did the teacher make and what does it reveal about him? Why did Jesus say, “You are not far from the kingdom of God” (34)?
3. After silencing all challengers, what question did Jesus pose and why (35)? What did Jesus teach about himself by quoting David’s words in the Psalms (36; Mk 1:1; 9:7)? Read verse 37. Why is it most important to call Jesus Lord (Jn 5:39-40; Ac 2:34-36; Ro 10:9-10)?
4. What warning did Jesus give regarding the influence of the teachers of the law (38-40a)? How is this related to the greatest commandments? What was the consequence of their hypocrisy to themselves (40b)?
5. Where did Jesus go and what did he observe in terms of people’s offerings (41-42)? What did Jesus teach his disciples by contrasting a poor widow and rich people (43-44)? What do we learn about what God values?