

MAGNIFY

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REGIME CHANGE

Matthew 21:23-46

Introduction: Learning to recognize bad leadership is an important skill to have these days, whether in the home, at work, or church.

Jesus Critiques Bad Leadership

- “You value _____ over _____.” (vs. 26)

- “You ignore _____ from God.” (vs. 32a)

- “You refuse to _____ your _____.” (vs. 32b)

- “You will do _____ to keep your _____.” (vs. 38)

Conclusion: What kind of leader are you following? What kind of leader are YOU? Is it time for a regime change?

Week 2 Plan to “Make It Stick”

Day One: (These interactions take place from Mon-Thur of Passion Week)

-Read Matthew 22:15-22.

- ⇒ What does this interaction tell us about the motivations of the Pharisees and Herodians?
- ⇒ Why ask Jesus about paying taxes to Caesar? What would that accomplish?

Day Two: (These interactions take place from Mon-Thur of Passion Week)

-Read Matthew 22:23-33.

- ⇒ How is Jesus’s response to the Sadducees different than his earlier response to the Pharisees? What is Jesus defending?

Day Three: (These interactions take place from Mon-Thur of Passion Week)

-Read Matthew 22:34-46.

- ⇒ What do you think the Pharisees hoped to gain by asking Jesus about “the greatest commandment”?
- ⇒ Read Mark 12:28-34. How does Jesus’s attitude in this parallel passage compare to his attitude in some of the other encounters in Matthew’s Gospel?

Day Four: (These interactions take place from Mon-Thur of Passion Week)

-Read Matthew 23:1-36, in one sitting if possible.

- ⇒ How would you describe Jesus’s TONE in these verses?
- ⇒ Write a list of the main critiques Jesus makes of the scribes and Pharisees.

Day Five: (These interactions take place from Mon-Thur of Passion Week)

-Read Matthew 23:37-39.

- ⇒ What does Jesus’s emotional outburst tell us about His feelings and what’s important to Him? What does he WANT and why?
- ⇒ Has Jesus’s presentation of Himself as king been effective? How can you tell?