



Mark 12

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- Why was the crowd so pleased with what Jesus said?
- He didn't give them a great promise or proclamation
- He really just left them with a question

Look at the context

- This chapter is about the religious leaders
- It starts with a parable about how the religious leaders had poorly cared for God's people
- ver 38-40
- Jesus calls out the scribes for only seeking to look religious and really just serving themselves
- Rather than lead and teach the people the scribes built a system to serve themselves and keep the people dependant on them

So, why did the crowd love Jesus?

- He didn't follow the system
- He actually taught the people the scriptures and challenged them to think about the scriptures for themselves

*Jesus is not scared of questions but embraces them

*Jesus had a faith and followed a God who was strong and sure

*Is your faith and your God big enough to go beyond simple answers and face difficult questions?

*Are we willing to face difficult issues and really dig into what the Bible says?

-God is big enough to handle all our questions (he's not the wizard behind the curtain)

-Our faith needs to be strong enough to overcome uncertainty

-Don't just take easy answers. Dig deep to know who God is and how he has designed this world

Small Group Questions

- 1) What tough issues or questions have you had to face?
- 2) Have you ever been asked a question about God or your faith that you didn't know the answer to?
- 3) What do you do to find answers to tough questions?