

MARK 12

JESUS' CONFLICT WITH ISRAEL

Chapter 12

Summary: Jesus shows conflict with the nation and its leaders, who oppose Him, and harmony with a widow's sacrificial giving.

I. Jesus Has Conflict With The Nation (1-12) as He exposes its rejection of Him (1-8), and the Father's rejection of it (9-12).

II. Jesus Has Conflict With The Leaders (13-40) as He is questioned by the Pharisees (13-17), the Sadducees (18-27), and a scribe (28-34). He in turn questions the Pharisees (35-37), and warns the people about the scribes (38-40).

III. Jesus Has Commendation For The Widow's Giving (41-44) as she gives more than all others (41-43), and all that she has (44).

[Examples of sacrificial giving: the Macedonian Churches (2 Cor 8:1-7); and Jesus (2 Cor 8:8-15). The call to generous giving: (2 Cor 9:5-15).]

Lesson: *Pray to be in harmony, not conflict, with God.*