



**Warm up question:**

- How do you know whose authority to trust?

**Read Mark 12:13-34**

1. What are the Pharisees and Herodians trying to do to Jesus? How are they doing it?
2. What did Jesus discern about them and their reason for being there?
3. Why were they amazed at Jesus' response?
4. What are we told about what the Sadducees don't believe?
5. What is the Sadducees question about? What does this tell us about them?
6. What is significant about Jesus' response in verse 24?
7. In verse 27, what significant point does Jesus make about God?
8. How would you summarise the most important commandment? (Vs. 29-31)
9. What stands out to you in what is said between Jesus and the scribe (Vs. 32-34)
10. How would you summarise the idea of authority from this passage?

**Rubber hits the road:**

- How can we learn to answer people's questions about God in a faithful way?

**PRAYER**

*King Jesus, you know that there are many people seeking for us to follow their authority and leadership. Grant us grace and discernment as we seek to be faithful in our discipleship as your holy body, whilst living under the rules of this land. Help us to see this world with kingdom eyes, to love with kingdom hearts and to serve our neighbours with kingdom humility. We pray in your mighty name Jesus, Amen.*

