

New Life Church Morning Worship  
March 1, A.D. 2015  
Mark 12:28-34 — The Living Sword, Part Four

The word of God is called the sword of the Spirit, and one of Christ's names is the Word of God...He is the living sword! And in Mark 12 we see have seen the living sword flashing in battle against the wicked tenants of His Father's vineyard: Pharisees, scribes, Herodians, and Sadducees.

In today's passage, another scribe (a lawyer, per Matthew's parallel account) questions Jesus. As He did with the question about the resurrection, He takes the opportunity to give some foundational teaching...

- I. Verses 1-12, The vineyard owner and his tenants - *message of February 1*
- II. Verses 13-17, An entrapment question about taxation - *message of February 8*
- III. Verses 18-27, An entrapment question about resurrection - *message of February 22*
- IV. Verses 28-34, A question from a "Berean" scribe - *today's message***
  - vs. 34, "...after that no one dared question Him." He now goes on offense!*
- V. Verses 35-37, Jesus grills them about the Son of David
- VI. Verses 38-40, Jesus rebukes the scribes' hypocrisy
- VII. Verses 41-44, Jesus commends the sacrificial giving of the widow

## **Introduction: Why Berean?**

### **A. Jesus the Bible Thumper**

1. Know Who God is

2. Respond to God

### **B. Hang it All? That...er...DEPENDS! (Matthew 22:40)**

1. Antinomianism and Legalism: Two equal and opposite errors revisited

2. Love and Law, no conflict. Romans 13:8-10; 1 John 5:2,3

### **C. Like God Said to Adam: "Where are YOU?"**

1. Not far? This is not horseshoes nor hand grenades!

2. How to be sure you are in

**Conclusion – "But after that no one dared question Him."**