

## Sermon Outline

May 3            Matt 21:23 – 22:14  
“A Question and Three Answers”

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“Who do you think you are?!”

The parable of the two sons

The parable of the vineyard

The parable of the wedding banquet

## ✠ Points to Ponder to Prepare

May 10            Matthew 22:15-46  
“The Big Question”

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The established Jewish authorities were only more determined to get rid of Jesus after they heard the three parables Jesus told. But still the crowds were an obstacle since as 21:15 reminded us, the people “held that he was a prophet.”

So they start looking for their hardest questions to discredit him with the crowds, questions they were unable to answer or come to an agreement among themselves. Surely Jesus would start offending someone!

Take a few minutes to read their three stumblers on taxes, resurrection, and the Law in 22:1-40. Also take note of Jesus’ answers.

When they were done asking their questions, Jesus asks one of them. It is the biggest question of all and the one that underlies everything in this whole section of Matthew’s Gospel, “Who is the Christ?”

## Scripture readings for the week

Sunday May 3	Numbers 30-31
Monday May 4	Numbers 32
Tuesday May 5	Numbers 33
Wed May 6	Numbers 34
Thursday May 7	Numbers 35
Friday May 8	Numbers 36
Saturday May 9	Deuteronomy 1-2
Sunday May 10	Deuteronomy 3-4

## Prayer Focus

We pray today for our graduates.

- ✠ We may all give thanks and praise to God, recognizing that even our human achievements were done through Him and are ultimately gifts of his grace.
- ✠ Pray for wisdom for our graduates as they chart their own course without the familiar structure of school. May God’s word be “a lamp for their feet and a light for their path” (Psalm 119:105)