

# REVEALED

## An Exposition of the Book of Mark



### Nothing But Pilgrims

Mark 12:13-27

#### Overview

#### **Christians are Pilgrims: Residents of this world, citizens of the Kingdom**

- Residents of this world
  - Jesus agrees to give Caesar the thing that bears his image, indicating that
  - Jesus saw some validity to govt.
    - This doesn't surprise us as we have seen God instituted Govt.
  - Genesis 1.28
  - Exodus (Exodus – Deuteronomy)
  - Romans 13.1-4
  - 1 Peter 2.13-17
    - This tells us that God is a God of order
- Citizens of the Kingdom
  - Jesus asks for more in telling us to “give to God what is Gods” (Mark 12.29-30)
  - God demands ALL of us, not just some money
  - He owns all
  - His image is on us

#### **Christians will one day be home (Heaven)**

- Jesus tells Sadducees that they don't understand the Scriptures and they question the power of God
  - Not understanding Scriptures: They assume in the Rez. Things will be same
    - He illust false understanding by showing how we will be like angels
    - Due to this there will be no marriage, nor any given in marriage
  - Not understanding the power of God: Not believing God can raise dead
    - God IS the God of Abe, Isaac, and Jacob (not was)
- They are alive in spirit
- Bodies will one day rise as well
  - Jesus affirms resurrection
- See resurrection taught in 1T & 2T
- Jesus has taught us that He will raise
  - No marriage, bodies raising indicates a New Heavens/New Earth

#### Questions

*Discussion Starter: Many groups, at times including Christians, are known for what they're against rather than what they're for. What are some examples? This is not always negative, but it can be – what's the danger in being known what you're against rather than what your for?*

*Transition: In this passage Jesus tells us things we should be “for”. There are certain things in this world we should be for*

1. As Christians why is it important that we do not retreat into isolation and/or ignore the world around us?
2. What are some things that we often do not “Give to Caesar?” How do we disobey our government in the day to day?
3. How is government a gift from God?
4. What are some things we keep from God? Why?
5. What is thought to be gained from keeping things from God?
6. Why might God do away with marriage in the New Heavens/New Earth, if created good?
7. Discuss how God is a “God of the living, not the dead”.
8. What value does the resurrection hold in apologetics? How does the resurrection set Christianity apart from other religions?
9. How does the resurrection inform our lives in the here and now?