

Loyalty: Devoted to Life, Love and Jesus as Lord

Mark 12:13-44

LOYALTY implies a faithfulness that is steadfast in the face of any temptation to renounce, desert, or betray.

(Merriam-Webster.com)





1. Because of Jesus, I Embrace a Culture of Life (vs 13-27)

A. The Image of God—Created with life from God

"Caesar's image is on his coins, so they must be minted by his authority. The fact that you possess these coins and use them indicates that you think they are worth something. Therefore, you are already accepting Caesar's authority, or you would not use his money! But don't forget that you were created in the image of God and therefore must live under God's authority as well."

(Warren Wiersbe, The Be Series Commentary)



B. The God of the Living—Resurrection assures of life

Jesus said to [Martha],

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

(John 11:25-26, ESV)





2. Because of Jesus,
I Commit to a Life of Love (vs 28-34)



A. Love God Wholly

Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

(John 14:23, ESV)



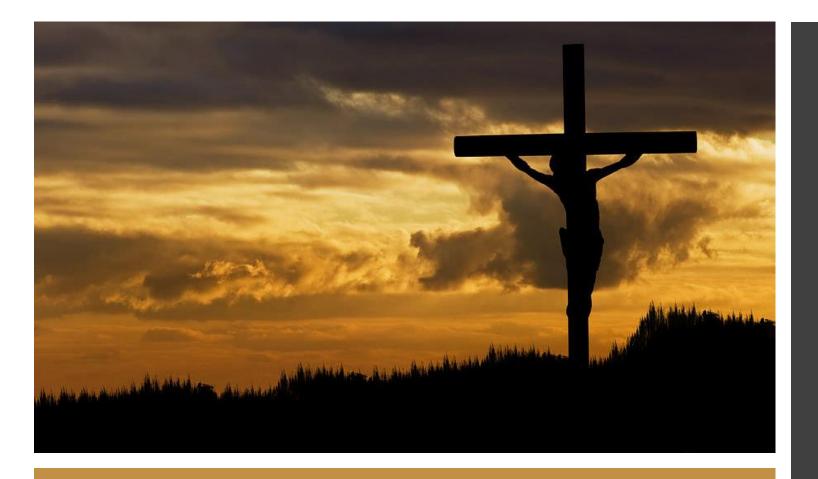
B. Love our Neighbor as Our Self

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

(John 15:12, ESV)

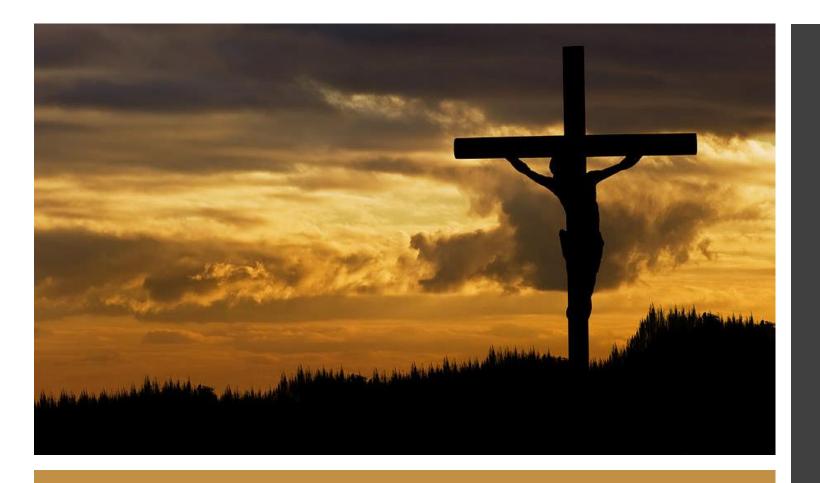


3. Because of Jesus, I Submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ (vs 35-44)



A. David's Lord and Son

The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." (Psalm 110:1, ESV)



B. The Widow's Sacrificial Gift

- The religious leaders didn't direct people to God because of their selfishness and hypocrisy.
- The widow gave sacrificially and with wholehearted commitment.



Jesus Christ is Lord

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:9-11, ESV).