

“Jesus on the Offensive”
Mark 12:28-34

Feb. 25, 2018

Intro.

I. Jesus teaching (challenge)

- A. In the **Temple**
- B. Asks a **question** (Matthew 1:1; Psalm 110:1)
- C. **Crowds** response
- D. Beware the scribes (Matthew 6:1)
 - 1. Long **robes** = expensive suit
 - 2. **Respectful** greetings in public = expectation, status
 - 3. Chief **seats** = seated in order, culture
 - 4. Devour **widows** houses = took advantage of the helpless
 - 5. Long **prayers** = for show
- E. Greater **condemnation** (James 3:1)

II. Jesus teaching (application)

- A. Contrast and comparison
 - 1. **Rich** vs. **poor**
 - 2. **Wrong** attitude vs. **right** attitude
- B. Cultural mind-set (Luke 18:10)
 - 1. **Rich** are blessed

2. **Poor** get what they deserve

3. Wrong

C. Correct attitude

- 1. **Sacrifice**
- 2. Willing to give it **all**
- 3. **Trust** in God's provision
- 4. **Faith**

III. Application

- A. What is your **attitude** about places of honor, appearance, money, possessions?

Are you being honest with yourself?
- B. Are you **living** out your faith in daily life?

Are you an effectual doer or a forgetful hearer? (James 1:25)
- C. Are you **trusting** in God for your provision?

Action Point(s): _____

Next Week: **Mark 13:1-37**