

4. In answer to the leaders' false motives and ignorance, Jesus tells three parables, each of which is a retelling of the story of Israel up to the current generation. In each of the following parables, Jesus is focusing on MOTIVE! What is Jesus central message to these leaders in:
 - a. **The Story of the two sons** (Mat 21:28-32)

 - b. **The Story of the Tenants** (Mat 21:33-46)

 - c. **The Story of the Wedding feast** (Mat 22:1-14)

5. We are told in 22:15 that the leaders "plotted how to entangle him in his words." They do this by asking three questions. What is Jesus' primary point in his response to each of these questions?
 - A. **Paying Taxes to Caesar:** In answering this question consider two things: the "image" that was on the coin and the image in whom are all human beings made (see Gen 1:26-27).

 - B. **The Resurrection.** Consider Jesus' answer in light of the fact that the Sadducees did not believe in resurrection.

 - C. **Whose Son is the Christ?** Read 2 Sam 7:12-16; Psalm 89:3-4; Isaiah 11:1-5; Jeremiah 23:5-6

6. **(Personal Question)** The Jewish Leaders knew their bibles and the Law, yet they missed Jesus who is the Christ. In what ways could those of us in Bible study actually be more like the Jewish leaders than like those whose eyes were opened by Jesus? How has Jesus revealed Himself to you through the study of Matthew this year?