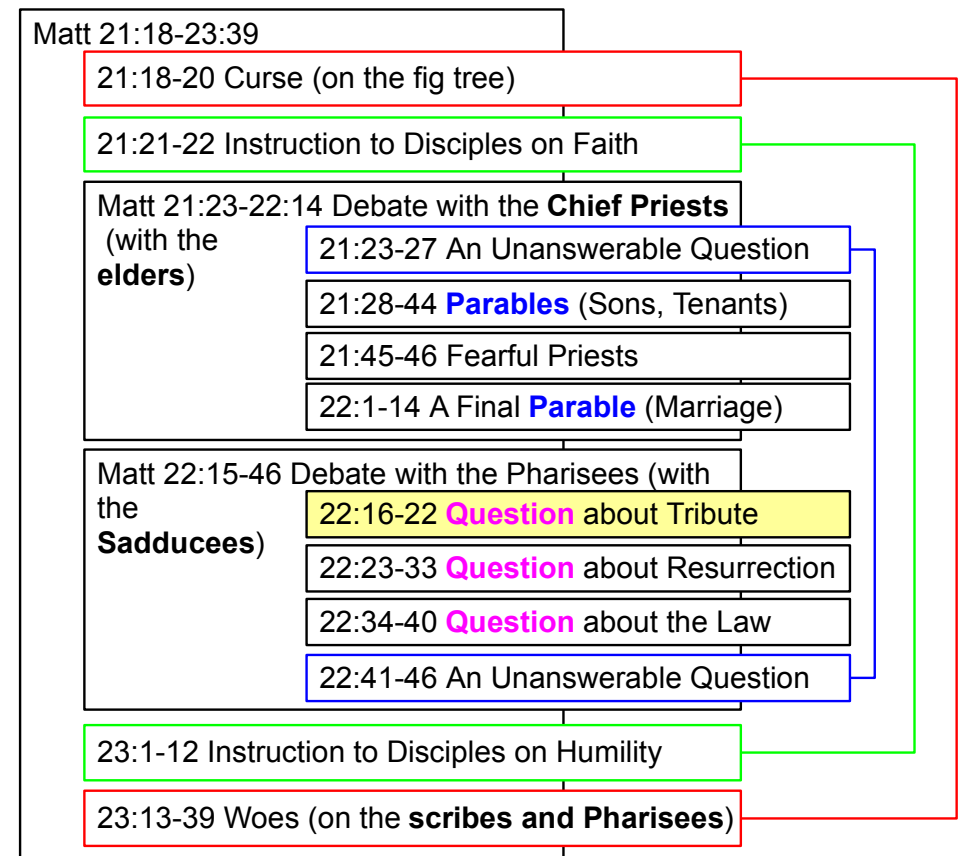


# Treasure Hunt

- What does it mean to “regard the person of men” (Matt 22:16)?
- Should people do this?
- What OT text lies behind our Lord’s answer about the census tax?
- In the case of the Jews in Jerusalem, what is the relation between giving Caesar what is Caesar’s and giving God what is God’s?
- What is the relation between the power of God and the relation of the seven-times widow to her husbands?
- How does the Jewish preoccupation with “the great commandment in the law” contrast with the attitude that the Lord commands?
- What two OT texts does the Lord use to summarize the law?

# “regardest not the person of men”

- Greek: “look at the face of men”
- OT expression (24x): “lift up someone’s face”
- LXX translations for *lift up*: *marvel, receive, choose*, but *never look at*



## Why the question?

- Tribute = κηνσος, poll-tax, paid directly to the Romans

Deu 17:15 *one* from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which *is* not thy brother.

# The Ruler's Image

Mat 22:20 And he saith unto them, Whose *is* this image and superscription? 21 They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.



“Tribute penny,” denarius of Tiberius Caesar, ruled AD 14-37.

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# OT Background to v. 21 “unto Caesar ... unto God”

Ecc 8:1 Who *is* as the wise *man*? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? a man's wisdom maketh his **face** to shine, and the boldness of his **face** shall be changed. 2 I *counsel thee* to **keep the king's commandment** [carefully watch the king's **mouth**], **and that in regard of the oath of God**. 3 Be not hasty to go out of his sight [**face**]: stand not in an evil thing; for he doeth whatsoever pleaseth him.

“Oath of God”:

Exo 22:11 *Then* shall an oath of the LORD be between them both, that he hath not put his hand unto his neighbour's goods;

1Ki 2:43 Why then hast thou not kept the oath of the LORD, and the commandment that I have charged thee with?

Why wasn't Jerusalem under a Herod?

Jwr 2:111 And now Archelaus took possession of his government, and used not the Jews only, but the Samaritans also, barbarously; and this out of his resentment of their old quarrels with him. Whereupon, they both of them sent ambassadors against him to Caesar; and in the ninth year of his government, he was banished to Vienna, a city of Gaul, and his effects were put into Caesar's treasury. ... 117 And now Archelaus' part of Judea was reduced into a province, and Coponius, one of the equestrian order among the Romans, was sent as a procurator, having the power of [life and] death put into his hands by Caesar. [also Ant 17:342-354]

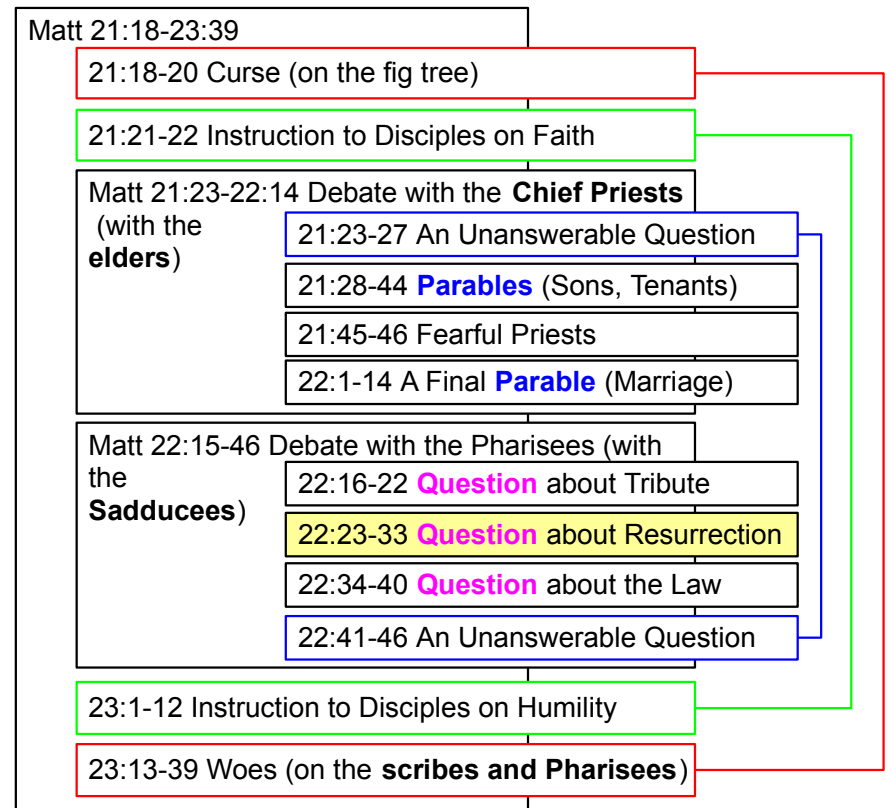
# Who marvels in Matthew?

<b>Who?</b>	<b>Where?</b>	<b>At what?</b>
Disciples	8:27; 21:10	His power over creation
Multitudes	9:8, 33; 15:31	Healings
Adversaries	22:22; 27:14	His speech or silence
The Lord	8:10	Faith of a Gentile
	Mark 6:6	Unbelief of the Jews

# The Sadducees' Question

Act 23:8 For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both.

Deu 25:5 If brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry without unto a stranger: her husband's brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of an husband's brother unto her. 6 And it shall be, *that* the firstborn which she beareth shall succeed in the name of his brother *which is* dead, that his name be not put out of Israel.



29 ... not knowing the scriptures,	31 But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, 32 I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?
Nor the power of God.	30 for in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

# Background to the Third Question

Mat 5:19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Deu 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD: 5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might [muchness, abundance].

<b>Deut 6:5</b>	<b>Soils, Matt 13</b>	<b>Going to Jer., Matt 19-20</b>
All thine heart	19 Wayside: sown in the heart	19:13-15, Humility of a little child
All thy soul/life	21 Stony: offended by persecution & tribulation	19:3-12, Divorce
All thy muchness	22 Thorns: care of this world, deceitfulness of riches	19:16-20:15, Riches

Lev 19:18 Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD.