

# Confrontations & Conflict

Gospel of Mark

*the message of the kingdom of God is a  
confrontational message*

1 John 3:8

<sup>8</sup> He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.



*appropriately  
calling out  
error*

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Mark 12:18-27

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<sup>21</sup> The second one married the widow, but he also died, leaving no child. It was the same with the third. <sup>22</sup> In fact, none of the seven left any children. Last of all, the woman died too. <sup>23</sup> At the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?" <sup>24</sup> Jesus replied, "Are you not in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God?"

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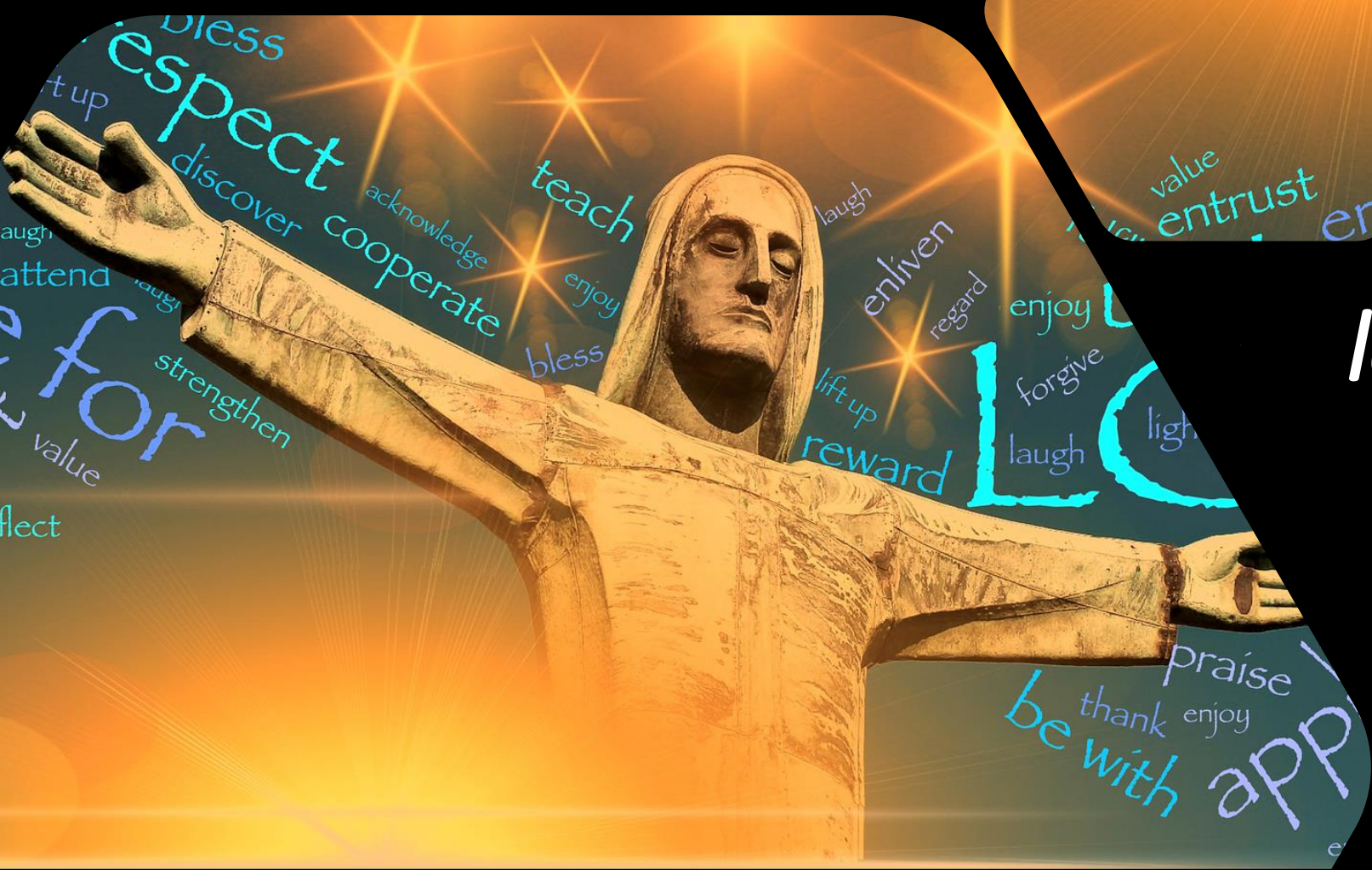
<sup>25</sup> When the dead rise, they will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. <sup>26</sup> Now about the dead rising—have you not read in the book of Moses, in the account of the bush, how God said to him, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? <sup>27</sup> He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You are badly mistaken!"



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*"He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You are badly mistaken!" (verse 27)*

power tend to delight in  
aspire hold dear trust  
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*love those you are  
in dispute with*

Mark 12:28-31

<sup>28</sup> One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" <sup>29</sup> "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>30</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

Mark 12:28-31

<sup>31</sup> The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

*a question to their question*

*a rebuttal to their assumptions and teachings*

*pointing to Scripture with an explanation*



*calling out their hypocrisy*

## Romans 13:8-10

<sup>8</sup> Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> The commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Romans 13:8-10

<sup>10</sup> Love does no harm to its neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Mark 12:32-34

<sup>32</sup> "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. <sup>33</sup> To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

Mark 12:32-34

<sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.



*love and  
respect build  
equity*

Mark 12:35-37

<sup>35</sup> While Jesus was teaching in the temple courts, he asked, "How is it that the teachers of the law say that the Christ is the son of David? <sup>36</sup> David himself, speaking by the Holy Spirit, declared: "'The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.'" <sup>37</sup> David himself calls him 'Lord.' How then can he be his son?" The large crowd listened to him with delight.

