

Discussion Questions for Matthew 23:1–12

1. The teachers of the law and Pharisees sit in _____ seat. (v.2)
2. Jesus says to obey what they teach, but not to follow their _____. (v.3)
3. They tie up heavy _____ but don't lift a finger to help. (v.4)
4. Everything they do is for _____. (v.5)
5. They love to be greeted as _____ in the marketplaces. (v.7)

Reflection

1. Jesus warns against being called *Rabbi* or *Father* because we have only one _____ in heaven and one _____, the Messiah. (vv.8–10)
2. The greatest among you must be a _____. (v.11)
3. Whoever exalts himself will be _____, and whoever humbles himself will be _____. (v.12)

Understanding the Text

- Why does Jesus tell the crowds to obey what the Pharisees teach but not to follow their example?
- What does Jesus mean when He says the Pharisees “tie up heavy burdens” but don't lift a finger to help?

- Why do you think Jesus warns against titles like *Rabbi*, *Father*, or *Teacher*?

Discussion Questions for Mark 12:38–44

Understanding the Text

Fill in the blanks using what you learned from the passage:

1. They took advantage of _____ and made long _____ to look holy.
2. Jesus said they would be more severely _____.
3. The rich gave large amounts from their _____.
4. The widow gave _____ small coins, which was _____ she had to live on.