



The background is a dense, repeating pattern of green leaves and small berries on a black background. The leaves are various shades of green, from light to dark, and are arranged in a way that creates a sense of depth and texture. The berries are small and round, scattered throughout the foliage. The overall effect is a lush, naturalistic pattern.

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Mark 1:1

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*“The beginning of the good news about Jesus  
the Messiah, the Son of God.”*



“The gun may already have been cocked,  
but it was the temple demonstration  
which pulled the trigger.”

*E. P. Sanders, *Jesus and Judaism*. Fortress Press, 1985, 305.*

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# Setting the Trap: Part II

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*Mark 12:18-34*



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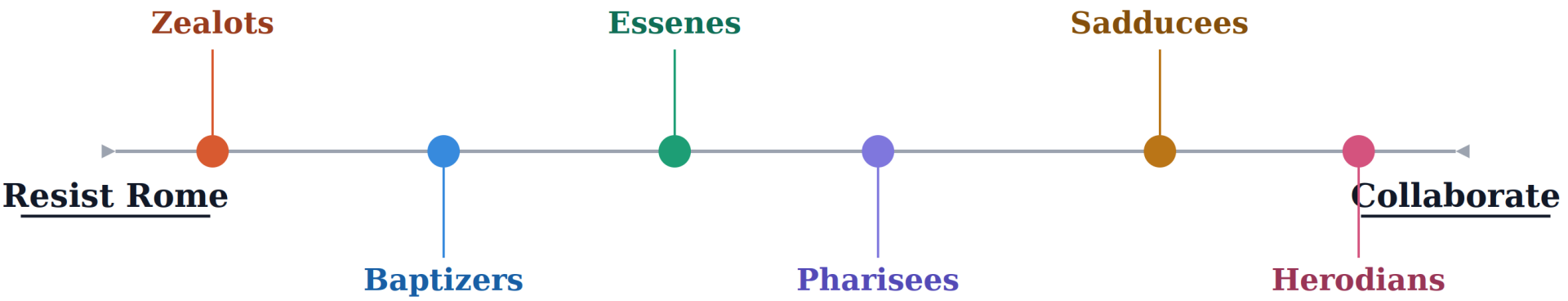
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<sup>18</sup> And Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection. And they asked him a question, saying,





<sup>19</sup> “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife, but leaves no child, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. <sup>20</sup> There were seven brothers; the first took a wife, and when he died left no offspring. <sup>21</sup> And the second took her, and died, leaving no offspring. And the third likewise. <sup>22</sup> And the seven left no offspring. Last of all the woman also died. <sup>23</sup> In the resurrection, when they rise again, whose wife will she be? For the seven had her as wife.”

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<sup>25</sup> For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.

<sup>26</sup> And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God spoke to him, saying, ‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’?

<sup>27</sup> He is not God of the dead, but of the living. You are quite wrong.”

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<sup>28</sup> And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>30</sup> And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ <sup>31</sup> The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

# Golden Rule



“What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor. That is the whole Torah. The rest is commentary. Go and learn.”

*Babylonian Talmud, b. Sabb 31a.*



“Do to others as you would have them do to you. Love your enemies, do good to them.”

*Luke 6:31*

32 And the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. 33 And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” 34 And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

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# 1. The Kingdom is not Far Off

## Kingdom Application

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2. The Position not the Person

## Gospel Application

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How can we respond differently with those  
who are not far off?

## Gospel Application

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How can we respond differently in areas  
where we are not far off?