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Jesus And Critics
 Lesson for May 8, 1949

DURING JESUS' last week, his enemies were firing at point-blank range. They were dead set to kill him; but they did not want to do that if they could ruin him some other way. What they tried to do was to make him out either a rascal or a fool, or both. Mark's story shows how Jesus took it.

The first question they asked Dr. Foreman sounded perfectly fair. "Where did you get your authority?" As we saw last week, Jesus had assumed simply tremendous authority. Wasn't it fair to ask him where he got it?

The trouble was that the men who asked the questions didn't want to know. They only wanted to heckle Jesus.



The world is full of just such license-hunting snoopers as these. They do not like it when a man succeeds. They particularly do not like it when a man succeeds without their help.

"Who is this fellow anyway? Where did he get his start? what family does he have, where is his diploma?" Jesus never answered this question, because he knew why they asked it. (Mark 11:27-33)

Taxes

IN JESUS' TIME you could not vote either for more taxes, or less. You paid what the Roman soldier at your door said to pay, and you were not to be poked in the back with his sword while you were counting up the money. But no one wanted to complain. The Romans had some deep dank dungeons for people who complained about high taxes. So the next question Jesus' enemies asked him was about taxes, or tribute, which means the same thing. They thought they had Jesus on a spot where whatever he said would put him in the wrong. Suppose he said: "Yes, pay taxes by all means." Then they would snarl: "Boot-licker of the Romans! Traitor to your country!" But if Jesus said, "No, don't pay taxes," then they would howl: "Treason! Police! Arrest this man who defies the Emperor!" Jesus' answer was a masterpiece, because he not only did not dodge the hot question, he did not leave the questioners a leg to stand on. (Mark 12:17)

Hairsplitters by Trade

THE CRITICS of Jesus were hairsplitters by trade. Yet none of them had ever been able to answer another tricky question with which they now expected to floor Jesus.

"Which is the greatest commandment of all?" The question had been going the rounds for generations. The greatest minds in Jewery had wrestled with it. But it was a foolish question after all.

Which is the most important brick in a wall? What position on a volley-ball team is the most important? What is the most important link in a chain? An answer to these questions would seem about as easy as answering that one about the greatest commandment. Jesus knew they were trying to show him up as a bungler, as a very poor and amateurish hairsplitter indeed. But instead, he did what no one expected him to do: he answered their question, and answered it so well that it is one of the cornerstones of our religion today.

How to Take Criticism

THE READER should consult Mark for the whole story. It bristles with practical thoughts, one of the most practical being how to take criticism. All of us can take it from our friends and families; we know they mean it for our own good. But criticism that is unfair, from people who want only to show us up for fools or to get us into hot water—that is hard to take. Jesus should be our example.

He did not let other people's criticisms interfere with his work. He never avoided criticism. He did not "twist the lion's tail," he did not deliberately provoke criticism. But he would not claim exemption from what every one has to stand, being looked over and rated by the people who knew him.

He never broke his heart over what people said of him. He did not go around crying to himself.

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