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THE CONTEXT

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1. The Sadducees had been silenced.
2. The Pharisees gather their forces and launch their own attack against Jesus.

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The Broader Context:

1. The Triumphal Entry (21:1–11)
2. Initial Confrontations (21:12–27)
3. Three Parables (21:28–22:14)
4. Four Questions (22:15–46)

2.

THE QUESTION

(Matthew 22:35)

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The Motive

1. The Lawyer's Question was Intended to "Test" Jesus.

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The Goal

2. The Question was Designed to Divide Jesus' Followers and to Weaken His Influence.

3.

THE ANSWER

(Matthew 22:37–40)

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2. By Treating Them as You Would Want to be Treated