

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

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## Render to God the Things That are God's

Luke 20:19-26

NOTES:

### Review

#### Properly evaluating Jesus is life's key issue because...

**1 Peter 2:4** *As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." 7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," 8 and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.*

- 1) ...God supremely values his Son and has made him the pivot of history. (v.4)
- 2) ...we are acceptable to God only through unity with the Beloved. (v.5)
- 3) ...allegiance to him is the only source of invincible honor. (v.6)
- 4) ...rejection of him is rejection of God's life-giving word. (v.8)

#### Enraged but fearful to act, the religious leaders aim to entrap Jesus.

**Luke 20:19** *The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. 20 So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor. 21 So they asked him, "Teacher, we know that you speak and teach rightly, and show no partiality, but truly teach the way of God. 22 Is it lawful for us to give tribute to Caesar, or not?"*

#### They end up falsifying Jesus' words in their accusation before Pilate.

**Luke 23:1** *Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. 2 And they began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king."*

## Jesus expertly reveals the hypocrisy of the question, disarming the trap.

**Luke 20:23** *But he perceived their craftiness, and said to them, 24 "Show me a denarius. Whose likeness and inscription does it have?" They said, "Caesar's." 25 He said to them, "Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." 26 And they were not able in the presence of the people to catch him in what he said, but marveling at his answer they became silent.*



## Our connection to Jesus allows us to...

**1Pet. 2:13** *Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, 14 or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. 15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. 16 Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. 17 Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.*

- 1) ...yield to earthly rulers without fear. (13-14)
- 2) ...reveal the goodness of Jesus to an unbelieving world. (15)
- 3) ...extend his Kingdom through fruitful service. (16)

## Review/Discuss/Apply:

- 1) Are you rendering to God the things that are God's? Remember that Jesus produces fruit in our lives when we abide in him. What fruit do you see Jesus producing in and through your life?
- 2) Take time to read 1 Peter 2:1-25. Think through how our connection to the Cornerstone compels us to live differently in relation to political institutions, government leaders, and those opposed to God.

### SONGS

KING OF HEAVEN

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