

SERMON NOTES

Jesus Tested by His "False Faith" Opponents

Matthew 22:15-33

Simple Sermon

*When the world opposes our biblical worldview, we can follow our Lord
and stand firmly on the truth of Scripture.*

Review ...

The Plan: *Discredit Jesus* vs. 15

The Set-up: *Flatter Jesus* vs. 16b

The First Assault: *Entangle Jesus* vs. 17

The Counter Attack: *Two Questions, Two Commands*

The Second Assault: *Discredit Jesus* vs. 23-28

The Result of the Battle: vs. 33

*But Jesus answered them, "You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God.
Matthew 22:29*

The Book of Matthew — The King and His Kingdom

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WEEKLY QUESTIONS

Monday

Read Matthew 22:15. What were the Pharisees and Herodians attempting to do when confronting Jesus in the Temple Court? Why? How was their question a “trap”?

Tuesday

Read Matthew 22:19-21. What is Jesus’ primary point in his answer to his opponents? Read Romans 13:1-7 and Titus 3:1, 2. How do these texts help you understand how Christ-followers are to relate to our government today?

Wednesday

Read Matthew 22:21. While this verse is most often used in discussions about paying taxes, what does it mean to “render to God the things that are God’s”? How does this inform your “in Christ” responsibility to treat what you are and have as “owned” by God? How is your life demonstrating that you are a good steward of the time, talents, and treasure God has given you?

Thursday

Read Matthew 22:23-32. How did the Sadducees attempt to undermine the biblical doctrine of resurrection? What two things did Jesus say were wrong with their argument? How does the “eternal, immortal” resurrection life relate to the temporal, mortal life we live now? Where must our assurance be grounded?

Friday Prayer

Gracious Father, as I’ve been made aware of what Jesus did, taught, and faced during the last week before the cross, it has given me a great understanding of his divine knowledge, wisdom, and truth. Like the crowds who heard him, I am amazed at how he deals with his opponents. He sticks to the truth and grounds his argument in Scripture without resorting to mean-spirited language. Oh Father, help me to see those who oppose me and the truth of God as those who are in bondage to the lies they have been told. And Father, help me know that they need the truth packaged in love that comes from the life that lives out the joy and contentedness only Christ can bring! Help me be a living example of the truth I believe, the Gospel I share, and the Jesus I serve. And may my life be set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, and ready for every good work, through Jesus my Savior, Amen.

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