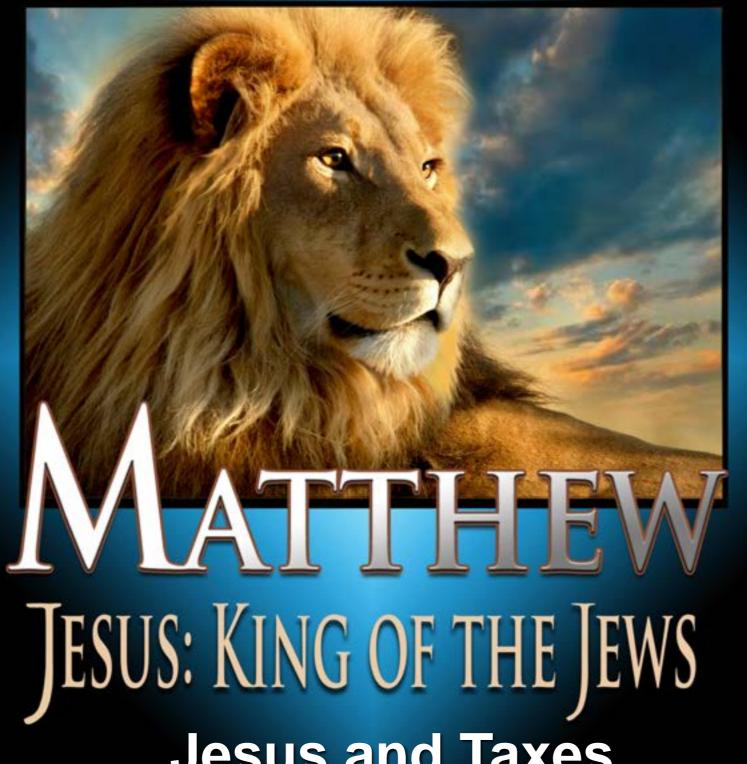
Matthew Series
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Jesus and Taxes Matthew 22:15–22

Three Consecutive Parables

- 1. Each develops a more subtle answer to the question of Jesus' authority.
- 2. Each involves a father, son(s), and the rejection of the father's authority.
- 3. Each parable is addressed to the unsaved, non-believing religious leaders, not the multitude.
- 4. Each builds the case for the God's rejection of the religious leaders of Israel, even as they are rejecting His Son.

Three Questions:

- 1. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar? Matt. 22:15–22
- 2. In the resurrection, whose wife will she be? Matt. 22:23–33
- 3. Teacher, which is the greatest commandment of the Law? Matt. 22:34–40

Jesus' Counter Question:

4. Whose Son is the Messiah? Matt. 22:41-46

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Matt. 21:45, "Now when the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking of them.

Matt. 21:46, "But when they sought to lay hands on Him, they feared the multitudes, because they took Him for a prophet."

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Mark 3:6, "Then the Pharisees went out and immediately plotted with the Herodians against Him, how they might destroy Him."

Mark 8:15, "Then He charged them, saying, 'Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.'"

Matt. 16:6, "Then Jesus said to them, 'Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees.'

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κῆνσος kēnsos gen masc plural tax, poll tax, head tax ἀποδίδωμι apodidōmi (v. 21) aor act impera 2 plur to give back, pay back

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πονηρία ponēria acc fem sing wickedness, evil cf., Matt. 21:41

ύποκριτής hupokritēs voc masc plur interpreter; actor; hypocrite; someone who puts on a mask to appear one way which is different than what he really is

Matt. 22:19, "'Show Me the tax money.' So they brought Him a denarius.

Matt. 22:20, "And He said to them, 'Whose image and inscription is this?'"



Obverse

TICAESARDIVI AVGFAVGVSTVS

Translated:

TIBERIUS CAESAR AUGUSTUS SON OF THE DIVINE AUGUSTUS

Reverse

PONTIF MAXIM

HIGHEST PRIEST

Matt. 22:21, "They said to Him, 'Caesar's.' And He said to them, 'Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'"

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Matt. 22:22, "When they had heard these words, they marveled, and left Him and went their way."

Rom. 13:6, "For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing.

Rom. 13:7, "Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor."