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# MATTHEW

## JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

**The Christian and Civil Government**  
**Matthew 22:15–22**

**Matt. 22:17, “Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?”**

**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 AVGFVGVSTVS***

**Translated:**

**TIBERIUS CAESAR AUGUSTUS  
SON OF THE DIVINE AUGUSTUS**

*Reverse*

***PONTIF MAXIM***

**HIGHEST PRIEST**

# **Divine Institutions**

- 1. Personal Responsibility: God is the authority**
- 2. Marriage: The husband is the authority**
- 3. Family: The parents are the authority**
- 4. Government: The governing authorities;  
Romans 13:1–7; 1 Pet. 2:13–17**
- 5. Nationalism: God is the authority; He sets the boundaries; Acts 17:26**

**Gen. 9:5, “Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man’s brother I will require the life of man.**

**Gen. 9:6, “Whoever sheds man’s blood, by man his blood shall be shed; for in the image of God He made man.”**

**Gen. 1:26, “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’”**

**Gen. 1:27, “So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”**

**Ex. 20:13, “You shall not murder.**

**Ex. 20:14, “You shall not commit adultery.**

**Ex. 20:15, “You shall not steal.**

**Ex. 20:16, “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

**Ex. 20:17, “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor’s.”**

**John 19:11, “Jesus answered, ‘You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin.’ ”**

**Luke 12:13, “Then one from the crowd said to Him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.’”**

**Luke 12:14, “But He said to him, ‘Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?’”**

**Luke 12:15, “And He said to them, ‘Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.’”**

**Matt. 17:24, “When they had come to Capernaum, those who received the temple tax came to Peter and said, ‘Does your Teacher not pay the temple tax?’**

**Matt. 17:25, “He said, ‘Yes.’ And when he had come into the house, Jesus anticipated him, saying, ‘What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take customs or taxes, from their sons or from strangers?’ ”**

**Matt. 17:26, “Peter said to Him, ‘From strangers.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Then the sons are free.**

**Matt. 17:27, “ ‘Nevertheless, lest we offend them, go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the fish that comes up first. And when you have opened its mouth, you will find a piece of money; take that and give it to them for Me and you.’ ”**

**Luke 22:25, “And He said to them, ‘The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called “benefactors.” ’ ”**

**Mark 8:15, “Then He charged them, saying,  
‘Take heed, beware of the leaven of the  
Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.’ ”**

**Matt. 23:3, “Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do.**

**Matt. 23:4, “For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men’s shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.”**

**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.”**

**Rom. 13:1, “Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.**

**Rom. 13:2, “Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.”**

**1 Pet. 2:13, “Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake, whether to the king as supreme,**

**1 Pet. 2:14, “or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good.**

**1 Pet. 2:15, “For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men—**

**1 Pet. 2:16, “as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God.”**

**Acts 4:19, “But Peter and John answered and said to them, ‘Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge.**

**Acts 4:20, “ ‘For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.’ ”**

**1 Tim. 2:1, “Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men,**

**1 Tim. 2:2, “for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.”**