

Coming to Fight

Series: Encountering Jesus (through the Gospel of Luke)
Marlo Blandford – February 2nd, 2020

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Is it right for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?

2. *Round Two:* Jesus asks a question. (Counter punch)
Whose picture and title are stamped on it?

3. *Round Three:* Jesus replies. (Caught Cold)
Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar.
Give to God what belongs to God.

4. *Round Four:* The spies respond. (TKO)
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