

Authority & Who You Owe: Caesar's Image, Taxes, & The Image Of God

Mark 12:13-17

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- Last Week's Sermon: **Ephesians 6:1-4** Mothers Are To Be Honored
- Last Mark Sermon: **Mark 12:1-12** Authority & Ownership: The Owner, The Murderers, & The Son

The Focus Of This Passage?

1. Jesus Focuses *Not* Primarily On _____ But On _____ (**Mark 12:17, Isaiah 9:6-7**)
2. Jesus Focuses *Not* Primarily On _____ But On People And Their _____
_____ (**Mark 12:17**)
3. Jesus Has A Different _____ Than His Adversaries In Mark 12 (**Mark 12:13-14, 17**)

Why It's Important To Jesus?

1. Herodians >> Jesus Was Surrounded By _____ << Pharisees
 - Remember The Last Time The Herodians & Pharisees Combined _____?
 - "The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him." **Mark 3:6**
 - κῆνσος (kensos) - tax, poll-tax, tax levied on every individual, not based on income or property (**Mark 12:14**)



2. What Does Jesus ____? He says, 'Show me a denarius. Whose inscription is on it?'
3. Jesus Knew: The Image You Live By _____ You & _____ The Rest Of Your Life
 - What Do You Think _____ Looks Like?
 - Caesar Or Coins Or Christ Jesus Or ... ?
 - What Should You _____ Like?

Why It's Important To Us?

1. IN THE BIBLE _____ IS EVERYTHING (**Gen. 1:26-27, Col. 1:15, 2 Cor. 4:4, Romans 8:29, 2 Cor. 3:18, Col. 3:10, 1 Cor. 15:49, James 3:9**)
2. Who You Look Like _____ To God:
 - In This Passage & In People We Can See Both The _____ Of Humanity & The _____ Of Humanity
3. We Have _____ Against God, Yet, We _____ To God
4. Since You Belong To God You Should Give Yourself _____ To God

HOW?

5. We Must See The Image Of God In _____ In Order To Fully Reflect The Image Of God In Our Lives
6. Even If You Are _____, You Can Reflect God's Image!
7. In God's Family There Is A Family _____. We Are Called To Look Like The Lord Jesus Christ!

Community Group Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever had people in your life trying to trap you in your actions or in your words? What was this like for you? What was this like for Jesus?
2. Politics and taxes are never the only issues. How does Jesus enlarge and refocus the question? How can we learn to not be controlled by political debates? How can we refocus the discussion on God, our relationship with God, and how an area relates to God?
3. What areas do you need to reflect God's image more accurately?
4. How does seeing Jesus more clearly allow you to reflect God's image more accurately?

Suggested Reading: *Politics According To The Bible*, by Wayne Grudem

Key Words For Kids To Count: Image