

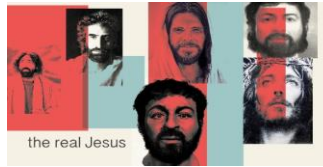
March 15, 2020

### *Prayer Life*

- Tina Tenharmesel, please pray for healing and peace due to a recent medical condition.
- Mike Tenharmesel, please pray for peace and healing for recent health issues.

### *Church Life*

- If you are a guest with us today, we want to **WELCOME** you! If you haven't done so already, we invite you to stop by our Guest Reception Center in the lobby following the service. Someone will greet you, answer any questions you may have, and give you a gift as a thank-you for worshipping with us today! It is located right by the "Patio," look for the round rack on the outside wall.
- **Eric Lamer** is the missionary of the month. Eric works with Zeeland public middle school students to reach them with the life-changing message of Jesus Christ and then disciple them through weekly Bible studies. Please grab a prayer card to take home and pray over. These cards are in the seatback pocket in front of you. Also, new missionary postcards are available in the seatback pocket for you to write a note of appreciation and encouragement to Eric! Please take one out, write a note on the backside and place the card in the blue Mission Mailbox located in the lobby.
- **Bible Reading Plan** - This year, we are encouraging our entire church to read through the Bible in one year. One of our AMAZING business leaders came up with an idea to make this more enticing. Every weekend, we will be giving away a \$50 gift card to a person who read the readings for the prior week. So here's how this works, please visit the scooter table **BEFORE** service, write your name on a ticket (if you did the readings for the week), and drop it in the bin. Then, at the end of the service, Pastor Adam will pull out a name, and someone will go home with a gift card(both services). We want to encourage our church to be in their Bibles, happy reading!
- **Looking for a FUN way to serve?** Our local mission team is wanting some friendly people to join the Auction and/or Zeeland Community Events teams! Please fill out your connection card or email [merylheise@gmail.com](mailto:merylheise@gmail.com) OR [nancy@gracechapelzeeland.com](mailto:nancy@gracechapelzeeland.com) for more information!
- Please check the **coat racks** in the lower level before March! Any remaining items will be donated. Thanks!
- **Grace Kids** is looking for a few volunteers to serve in the toddler class, first or second service, **and** the lower elementary class during the second service. Please contact Katy McCaul or fill out a connection card to get involved.
- **Easter Egg Hunt & Carnival** will be held March 28 at 10 am, please invite all your friends and family! Volunteers are needed; please sign up downstairs at the check-in desk.
- **Ladies join us** at Grace on Friday, April 17 at 6:30 pm for a fun night of flower arranging. You will go home with a beautiful center piece made by you! Cost is \$25.00. Space is limited to 40 ladies. Sign up and pay by April 5 at the scooter table. Childcare is available.



### **March 15, 2020**

The Real Jesus: Jesus view of taxes & eternal marriage

**Matthew 22:14-22**, <sup>14</sup> “For many are invited, but few are chosen.” Paying the Imperial Tax to Caesar,<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. <sup>16</sup> They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth.

You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. <sup>17</sup> Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?” <sup>18</sup> But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, <sup>20</sup> and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?” <sup>21</sup> “Caesar’s,” they replied. Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”

<sup>22</sup> When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

**Jesus says don’t cheat the \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ money.**

**Matthew 22: 23-33, Marriage at the Resurrection** <sup>23</sup> That same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question. <sup>24</sup> “Teacher,” they said, “Moses told us that if a man dies without having children, his brother must marry the widow and raise up offspring for him. <sup>25</sup> Now there were seven brothers among us. The first one married and died, and since he had no children, he left his wife to his brother. <sup>26</sup> The same thing happened to the second and third brother, right on down to the seventh. <sup>27</sup> Finally, the woman died. <sup>28</sup> Now then, at the resurrection, whose wife will she be of the seven, since all of them were married to her?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus replied, “You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. <sup>30</sup> At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. <sup>31</sup> But about the resurrection of the dead—have you not read what God said to you, <sup>32</sup> ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? He is not the God of the dead but of the living.”

<sup>33</sup> When the crowds heard this, they were astonished at his teaching.

### **Life Application**

**Taxes are due in a month, be a follower of Jesus who gives to America what is America’s.**

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Jesus view of taxes & eternal marriage

**READ: Matthew 22: 14-22**

1. In verse 14, Are you one of the few? With the hope that your answer is YES, what about your neighbor? Do you know? Should you know?
2. Verse 15, What do you do when someone hurts you, or you don't like what someone is doing, or disagree with someone?
3. What is our tendency as people?
4. When people are hurt or threatened, they lash out and try to get back at or prove the other person wrong. This is exactly what they are doing with Jesus. What group is doing this?
5. What is verse 16 all about?
6. How many of you would be fine with giving the church 10% if that meant you had to give the government 0%?
7. Why didn't the Jews want to pay their taxes?
8. Who were the Herodians and why were they there?
9. These groups with OPPOSING worldviews are now working together to do what?
10. Jesus is trapped by their good planning or so they think. What does Jesus say to them?
11. Do you think that Jesus just offended those people by saying that?
12. **Discuss this quote from Pastor Adam:** "Let me just say the one entity who you never want to cheat is God. The IRS might be scary, but the IRS will not be there checking your returns once Jesus returns, but God will be there asking you what you did with the money he entrusted you with.

**The point: Jesus says don't cheat the government or God with God's money.**

*A Quote from Pastor Adam... Romans 13 is all about submitting to government. But our submission to any government is shaped by the fact that God owns everything. We submit for the Lord's sake. We should be a humble and submissive people. Therefore, I render to Caesar the things that are Caesars. I give God what is God's. Why? Because I am a follower of Jesus Christ and I follow His teachings NOT my desires. Many of the teachings of Jesus are VERY hard to follow. It was hard 2,000 years ago and it is hard today.*

**READ: Matthew 22:23-33**

1. Have you ever wondered about this?
2. Are you comfortable with the idea there is no marriage in Heaven?
3. These Sadducees likely finished this story and then with a smirk on their faces ask Jesus their question. "Whose wife would she be in the resurrection?" How does Jesus respond?
4. Do you think that was offensive to them?
5. Discuss this passage in light of the way God views things versus the way we view things.

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