

# Sermon Outline

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July 14, 2024

**“God, Government, and Us”**

Pastor Kris Neider

Mark 12:13-17

**Introduction:** The Point of No Return, Tuesday of Jesus’ Final Week

The Parable of the Two Sons (Mt. 21:28-32)

The Parable of the Tenants (Mk. 12:1-12)

The Seven Woes (Mt. 23:13-39)

## 1. Religious Leaders Try to “Trap” Jesus (v. 13)

A. Pharisees and Herodians

B. The trap

## 2. The Trap is Set (v. 14)

A. Jesus didn’t fear man but spoke the truth

B. The imperial tax

C. The Issue with paying the imperial tax

## 3. Jesus’ Response (v. 15-17)

A. Give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s

B. Give to God what is God’s

## Application

### Takeaway 1. We should respect our government

Rom. 13:6-7

Rom. 13:1-2

### Takeaway 2. Jesus was honest and brilliant

Mk. 12:14

Mk. 12:17

"I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to. ... Now it seems to me obvious that He was neither a lunatic nor a fiend: and consequently, however strange or terrifying or unlikely it may seem, I have to accept the view that He was and is God. "

C.S. Lewis, [Mere Christianity](#)

### Takeaway 3. We should give to God what is His

Admit you have sinned-Rom. 3:23

Believe the gospel-Rom. 6:23

Commit your life to Jesus-Rom. 10:9

## What's Next?

- July 21: VBS Sunday- "*Jesus is the Only Way*" – John 14:1-6, Pastor Corey Kugle
- July 28: "*Resurrection Life*" – Mark 12:18-27, Pastor Corey Kugle