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MESSAGE SHEET
Series: Grace Isn't Cheap
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Show Me the Coin

Matthew 22:15–22 · Sunday, October 18, 2026 · Rev. William Mitchell

THE PASSAGE

Matthew 22:15–22. The Pharisees and the Herodians try to trap Jesus: “Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” He asks for the coin and whose head is on it. “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

THREE TAKEAWAYS

1. Jesus refuses to play “heads I win, tails you lose.” He turns the trap around, and even the people who came to catch him are amazed.
2. Caesar may have stamped the metal, but he cannot stamp your soul. We bear the image of God. We belong to God.
3. Every person carries God’s image. Whatever their color, nationality, or circumstance, they are a child of God — and they need friends to invite them.

THREE QUESTIONS FOR THE TABLE

1. What in your life bears Caesar’s image, and what belongs to God?
2. How would you see people differently this week through the lens of compassion?
3. Who is one person you could invite to church?