



~ THE JESUS LIFE ~
ACCORDING TO MARK

MARK 12:13-17 | DEATH & TAXES

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MARK 12:13-17

THE ENEMY OF MY ENEMY IS MY FRIEND

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MARK 12:13-14a

INSINCERE

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THE COSTLY QUESTION

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MARK 12:14b-16

THE DENARIUS

TI. CAESAR DIVI AVG. F. AVGVSTVS
“Tiberius Caesar, son of the Divine Augustus”

PONTIF. MAXIM
“High Priest”



AN ELEGANT ANSWER

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MARK 12:15-17

THE IMAGE OF GOD

So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

GENESIS 1:27

In what ways are you
compartmentalizing your faith?

He is the image [eikon] of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

COLOSSIANS 1:15-20