

“God And Caesar”

Righteous Rendering To State And Church ... And Christ

Rom. 13:1-8 (948); Luke 20:19-26(880)

Western history can be arranged as epochs of dominance by either Church or State. Currently, we live in a secular period where religion is voluntary and submission to the State is compulsory. It was probably on Monday of Passion Week that Jesus was asked a “killer question” by the religious leaders of his day: is it God’s will for his people to pay “tribute” (i.e. taxes) to an ungodly state? The irony is that the question was asked by “spies” (v 20a) intent on delivering Jesus “up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor [Pontius Pilate]” (v 20b).

I. The Conniving _____ (v 19-20)

1. There in the temple at least _____ infiltrated the crowd.
2. They _____ Jesus and spread a _____ for his feet (Pr. 29:5).

II. The Confounding _____ (v 21-22)

1. Jesus is near the Sanhedrin’s place under eye of the _____.
2. Church and state stand in relationship to one another as 1) established _____, 2) sharing areas of _____, 3) responsible to the _____.

III. The Coin – A _____ (v 23-24)

1. A denarius was a _____’s _____.
2. What ought you to _____ to _____?
3. What ought you to _____ to _____?

IV. The Christian _____ (v 25-26)

1. We _____ to the civil magistrate, but remind him of the _____.
2. We emphasize _____ government doing the will of _____.
3. We remind leaders what _____ they owe God alongside us. They are accountable. Our _____ ought to remind them.