

## Christ and Caesar

Actual Jesus (Gospel of Matthew) – Part 191

Matthew 22:15-22

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<sup>15</sup> Then, the Pharisees went and<sup>1</sup> took counsel together so that they might ensnare Him in word.

<sup>16</sup> And they send to Him their disciples, with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that You are true, and *that* the way of God in truth You are teaching, and *that* it does not matter to You concerning anyone, for you do not regard<sup>2</sup> the status<sup>3</sup> of men.

<sup>17</sup> “Therefore, say to us what it seems *like* to You: is it allowable to give poll tax to Caesar, or not?”

<sup>18</sup> But Jesus, because He knew their wickedness, said,  
(Matthew 22:15-22)

“Why are you trying to test Me, hypocrites?”

<sup>19</sup> “Display for Me the coin for the poll-tax.” And they brought Him a denarius.

<sup>20</sup> And He says to them, “Whose *is* this image and the inscription?”

<sup>21</sup> They say to Him, “Caesar’s.” Then He says to them, “Therefore repay the things of Caesar to Caesar— and the things of God to God!”

<sup>22</sup> And when they heard, they marveled; and they left Him and<sup>4</sup> went away.

Pastor Phillips’ ad hoc translation)

### Introduction:

#### I. \_\_\_\_\_ ing the \_\_\_\_\_ (22:15-22)

##### A. \_\_\_\_\_ ing the Stage (vv. 15-16a)

1. The players:

2. The play:

##### B. The T\_\_\_\_\_ T\_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 16b-21)

1. Their *snare* (vv. 16b-17):

a. Step one: F\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 16b)

b. Step two: F\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 17)

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<sup>1</sup> Literally *having gone, they*.

<sup>2</sup> Literally *see into*.

<sup>3</sup> Literally *face*.

<sup>4</sup> Literally *after leaving Him, they*.

2. The Teacher's tutorial (vv. 18-21)  
a. Assessment (v. 18)

b. Assignment (v. 19)

c. Arraignment (vv. 20-21a)

d. Admonishment (v. 21b)

**C. \_\_\_\_\_ing the Stage (v. 22)**

**II. \_\_\_\_\_ing the \_\_\_\_\_**

**A. Christians Are \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ (John \_\_\_\_:33; \_\_\_\_:11, 15)**

**B. ...But \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ (John \_\_\_\_:14, 16)**