

Render to Caesar

Mark 12:13-17

Into the Lesson:

If you have access to the commentary Lane recommended, The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah, or Bible margin notes or a dictionary, spend some time getting to know more about the groups who had Jesus in their sights:

- The Sanhedrin-
- The Herodians-
- The Pharisees-
- The Scribes/Teachers-
- The Chief Priests/Elders-
- The Sadducees-
- The Zealots-
- The Levites-

What modern day groups bear a resemblance to the various factions that seemed to prevail in Israel?

Into the Word:

As you read Mark 12:13-17 (including a reset starting at v.12) make note of the words or phrases that indicate the Jewish hierarchy was more concerned with losing their authority. Does verse 14 pass “the stink test” when it comes to the sincerity of the Pharisees and Herodians?

How do you respond to Sam’s point that this is, “a question that these two groups were on opposite sides of”?

How have we seen, throughout this study, the various factions coming together to maintain their authority?

How does verse 15 show that Jesus was on to their game?

How would you describe the Jewish leader’s response who, in one breath are “amazed by His teaching” and in the next breath want to kill Jesus?

How does this later teaching of Paul and Peter reinforce the concept of deferring to those in authority in the following:

- Romans 13:7-
- 1 Peter 2:13-14-
- 1 Timothy 2:1-2-

From Sam’s sermon, what are some of the indications that, “we need to keep our priorities straight”?

Into Life:

What are some of the indications in our culture that some are attempting to maintain authority in their own lives without deferring to King Jesus?

In groups who believe:
“All roads lead to God”
“I’m very spiritual, in my own way”
“A Loving God wouldn’t send anyone to hell”

What roadblocks do we put up to maintain “authority” in our own lives, instead of total submission to Our Lord and Savior?

Whose inscription is on you...”?

³³ “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD.

“I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God, and they will be my people.

³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD.

“For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

- Jeremiah 31:33-34

This Week’s Songs:

- Church Arise (Hymn 470)
- Undivided
- I Set My Hope On Jesus (Hymn 616)
- The Battle And The Blessing
- Give Us Clean Hands

