

## Paying Tribute to Caesar

### Matthew 22:15-22

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle Him in *His* talk.

<sup>16</sup> And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men.

<sup>17</sup> Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?”

<sup>18</sup> But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, “**Why do you test Me, you hypocrites?**  
<sup>19</sup> **Show Me the tax money.**”

So they brought Him a denarius.

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

<sup>21</sup> They said to Him, “Caesar’s.”

And He said to them, “**Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.**”

<sup>22</sup> When they had heard *these words*, they marveled, and left Him and went their way.

### Mark 12:13-17

<sup>13</sup> Then they sent to Him some of the Pharisees and the Herodians, to catch Him in *His* words.

<sup>14</sup> When they had come, they said to Him, “Teacher, we know that You are true, and care about no one; for You do not regard the person of men, but teach the way of God in truth.

Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?

<sup>15</sup> Shall we pay, or shall we not pay?”

But He, knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, “**Why do you test Me? Bring Me a denarius that I may see it.**” <sup>16</sup> So they brought *it*.

And He said to them, “**Whose image and inscription is this?**” They said to Him, “Caesar’s.”

<sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered and said to them, “**Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.**”

And they marveled at Him.

### Luke 20:20-26

<sup>20</sup> So they watched *Him*, and sent spies who pretended to be righteous, that they might seize on His words, in order to deliver Him to the power and the authority of the governor.

<sup>21</sup> Then they asked Him, saying, “Teacher, we know that You say and teach rightly, and You do not show personal favoritism, but teach the way of God in truth:

<sup>22</sup> Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”

<sup>23</sup> But He perceived their craftiness, and said to them, “**Why do you test Me?** <sup>24</sup> **Show Me a denarius.**

**Whose image and inscription does it have?**”

They answered and said, “Caesar’s.”

<sup>25</sup> And He said to them, “**Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.**”

<sup>26</sup> But they could not catch Him in His words in the presence of the people. And they marveled at His answer and kept silent.