


Jesus Confounds the Temple Leadership


Luke 20:19 – 20:26

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Key issues in this section

- The Sanhedrin wishes to discredit Jesus
- They have agents ask a question that would either discredit Him in the eyes of the people or get him in trouble with Rome
- Jesus' answer confounds them and He escapes their trap



The parable of the vine-growers was a rebuke to the Sanhedrin

- **Luke 20:19**

And the scribes and the chief priests tried to lay hands on Him that very hour, and they feared the people; for they understood that He spoke this parable against them.

The Sanhedrin has bad motives

- Luke 20:20**

So they watched Him, and sent spies who pretended to be righteous, in order that they might catch Him in some statement, so that they could deliver Him to the rule and the authority of the governor.

They use insincere flattery

- Luke 20:21**

They questioned Him, saying, "Teacher, we know that You speak and teach correctly, and You are not partial to any, but teach the way of God in truth."

A trick question

- Luke 20:22**

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

They Jewish leadership is crafty

■ **Luke 20:23, 24**

But He detected their trickery and said to them, “Show Me a denarius. Whose likeness and inscription does it have?”

They said, “Caesar's.”

Jesus confounds His enemies

■ **Luke 20:25**

And He said to them, “Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.”

Jesus’ brilliant answer silences them

■ **Luke 20:26**

And they were unable to catch Him in a saying in the presence of the people; and being amazed at His answer, they became silent.

Applications and Implications

- 1) How we can escape from Satan's craftiness
- 2) We are obligated to obey civil authorities because they are ordained by God
- 3) As image bearers of God, we owe Him complete allegiance

- 1) How we can escape from Satan's craftiness

■ **2Corinthians 11:3**

But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.

- 1) How we can escape from Satan's craftiness

■ **Ephesians 4:14**

As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;

1) How we can escape from Satan's craftiness

■ **2Corinthians 4:2**

but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

2) We are obligated to obey civil authorities because they are ordained by God

■ **1Peter 2:13, 14**

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right.

2) We are obligated to obey civil authorities because they are ordained by God

■ **1Peter 2:15**

For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men.

2) We are obligated to obey civil authorities because they are ordained by God

■ **1Peter 2:16, 17**

Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bondslaves of God. Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

3) As image bearers of God, we owe Him complete allegiance

■ **Genesis 9:6**

Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed, For in the image of God He made man.

3) As image bearers of God, we owe Him complete allegiance

■ **Colossians 3:9, 10**

Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him

