

A War of Words with Jesus

Luke 20:19-47

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Failed attempts at trapping Jesus:

- 1) They tried to trap Jesus **politically** (21-26)
 - a. They tried to show Jesus as an **idolatrous** law breaker (v.22).
 - b. He showed them to be **self-consumed** God robbers (v.23).
 - c. Jesus showed us our responsibility of **submission**
 - i. Christians are to submit to **ruling** authorities
 - ii. Christians have dual **citizenship**.
 - iii. Government has the right and need to exist and function but that does not cancel out our **allegiance** to God.
- 2) They tried to trap Jesus **doctrinally** (27-38).
 - a. They did not know the **word** of God. V.34-36. Is anything more sad?
 - b. They not know the **power** of God. V.37-38.
- 3) Jesus wins every **war of words**. (41-44)! Jesus asked them (and us) two revealing questions.
 - a. Whose **son** is the Christ? Mt 22:41
 - b. How could David call Him, "**Lord**"? ("Adonai").
 - c. Your Silence is not golden.
- 4) Jesus warns about religious **pretenders** (v.20, 39-40, 45-47)
 - a. The tragedy of **religious rackets**.
 - b. The tragedy of the **religious lost**.

Take this with you:

- God sees through **religious pretenders**.
- We must deal with Jesus **identity**. He is only a man or He is **divine**.
- You cannot win an **argument** with God. It will leave you **speechless**.