

Between Two Worlds Mark 12:13-17

The BIG Idea ... As Jesus-followers, we are _____ in this world's kingdom because we're _____ of an eternal kingdom.

The Enemies of Jesus

- They are coming after Jesus hot and heavy. Wave after wave of religious leaders are attempting to _____ Jesus in His _____.
- In chapter 11, it was the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now it's the _____ and _____.

Application: Jesus knows pressure—_____ pressure; _____ pressure. John 16:33, "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

- The Pharisees are intensely _____ Israelite nationalists who _____ Rome.
- The Herodians are intensely _____ Jews who are _____ to Rome.
- The Pharisees consider the Herodians _____—they have sold their soul to Rome ... but ...
- The Pharisees _____ the Herodians to convince Rome to arrest Jesus.

The Question Posed to Jesus

- Before they ask their question, they attempt to "_____ _____" Jesus.

Application: _____ is a poorly disguised form of _____. Pretending to somebody you aren't by claiming to believe something you don't—to get something you want. That's how the game is played in this world's kingdom. Proverbs 29:25, "A man who flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his feet."

- "Is it lawful to _____ _____ to Caesar, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?"

The Answer from Jesus

- "Why do you put me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me look at it."
- "Whose _____ and inscription is this?"
- "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's—because his image is imprinted on this coin."
- "And to God the things that are God's—because _____ is imprinted on your soul."
- You owe Caesar your taxes, but you owe God your _____.

1 Peter 3:18 ...

Titus 3:5 ...

John 14:6 ...

The Takeaways

1. _____ to the authorities in this world's kingdom. Romans 13:1, "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment."
2. Live _____ two _____. John 18:36, "My kingdom is not of this world ..."
3. Seek _____ the _____ of God. Matthew 6:33, "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness ..."

Revelation 11:15, "The kingdom of the world will become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever."