

ONE GREATER THAN SOLOMON

Luke 20:1-40

In this passage, Jesus was asked three questions: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

Luke 20:1-8: Jesus answered a question with a _____ that the Jewish religious leaders refused to answer

Luke 20:9-19: Jesus also answered their question regarding His authority with the _____ of the landholder

Luke 20:20: The 2nd question was asked by the Pharisees & the _____ who usually opposed each other

Luke 20:21-22: These taxes were paid directly to Caesar & acknowledged the sovereignty of _____ over Israel

If Jesus said did not to pay these taxes, His enemies would identify him to the Romans as a political _____

Luke 20:23-24: His enemies carried _____ with Caesar's image on it, acknowledging Rome's sovereignty

Luke 20:25: Jesus' statement indicates that God's people normally can obey both civil government and _____

Luke 20:26-27: The 3rd question was asked by Sadducees, who held that only the _____ had authority

Luke 20:28: They based their question on the regulation that man must marry the _____ of this dead brother

Luke 20:29-33: They took this law to its logical extreme in order to make the idea of resurrection look _____

Luke 20:34-36: Jesus did not answer their question but corrected their misconceptions about _____

Luke 20:37-40: Jesus used Scripture in an unusual way to show them that the _____ teaches the resurrection

Observing the One Greater than Solomon helps us to understand **How to Answer Tough Questions**

#1 Realize that Questions Can Be _____; often the point of a question is not to seek information but to trap

#2 Realize that Sometimes the Trap Can Be Camouflaged: Jesus' enemies pretended to be _____ (v.21)

#3 Realize that Tough Questions Often Involve _____ Dichotomies: Is it lawful to pay taxes or not? (v.22)

The false premise behind their question was that it was impossible to pay taxes to Rome and be faithful to _____

#4 Answer a Tough Question with a Tough _____, a common practice of Jesus; see an example in vv.3-4

Asking questions can be more effective than giving good _____ in causing skeptics to examine Bible issues

#5 Deal with the _____ of the Question Rather than the Question Itself: Jesus did not directly answer the question of the Sadducees; rather He attacked the premise or presupposition at the foundation of the question

#6 Respond to Tough Questions with _____: make up a story; it doesn't even have to be plausible!

Parables cause human beings to suspend our intellect for a few moments and engage _____

#7 Recognize What _____ Looks Like: a) those who heard Jesus' parable protested according to v.14

b) Jesus' opponents were _____ (vv.26 & 40) c) Sometimes success will cause _____ (v.19)

Part of being conformed to the image of Christ is growing wisdom: **2 steps** every believer ought to take:

We ought to _____ for wisdom; God was pleased when Solomon asked for wisdom and answered his prayer

We ought to apply our hearts to wisdom by reading through the 31 chapters of _____ on a regular basis