

WHO IS THIS MAN?

A TRICK QUESTION

Mark 12:13-17 Jeff Schreve

And they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Him, in order to trap Him in a statement. Is it lawful to pay a poll-tax to Caesar, or not? Mark 12:13, 14b

How does Jesus respond to a trap?

1. The Pharisees devised a gotcha question to take Jesus down.

Then the Pharisees went and counseled together how they might trap Him in what He said. Matthew 22:15

- A. The Pharisees used the Herodians.
- B. The Pharisees used hypocrisy and flattery.
- C. The Pharisees used a politically charged issue.

"After this man Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of the census, and drew away some people after him, he too perished, and all those who followed him were scattered." Acts 5:37

2. The Lord cannot be trapped by anything or anyone.

But He, knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, "Why are you testing Me? Bring Me a denarius to look at." And they brought one. And He said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" And they said to Him, "Caesar's." And Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they were amazed at Him. Mark 12:15-17

- A. We are to give back to Caesar and pay our taxes.
- B. We are to give back to God and surrender our lives.

I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. Romans 12:1

Are you giving to God what is God's?