

“RENDER UNTO CAESAR”

MATT 22:15-22

MK 12:13-17

LK 20:20-26

Matthew says they wanted to entangle Him in His talk

Entangle: snare, to elicit from one some remark which can be turned into an accusation.

Mark says they wanted to catch Him in His words

Catch: hunt, pursue eagerly

Luke says they wanted to take hold of His speech

Take hold of: to seize upon anything with the hands

THEY SENT SPIES (LIERS-IN-WAIT)
TO TRAP, HUNT, & SEIZE
UPON HIS WORDS



**“And they sent out to Him
their disciples with the Herodians”
(Matt 22:16)**

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PAUL **“OUR CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN”** PHP 3:20

“BUT I AM A [ROMAN] CITIZEN BY BIRTH” AX 22:25-28

**“Teacher, we know that you are true
and teach the way of God truthfully,
and you do not care about anyone's
opinion, for you are not swayed by
appearances. Tell us, then, what you
think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to
Caesar, or not?” (Matt 22:16-17)**



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- **We profit from American economic protection**
- **We benefit from the sword God gave them of Rom 13:3-4**
- **We walk on tax-funded streets and appreciate tax-funded peace**
- **And Jesus says we have a responsibility to give back to that system (through submission, taxation, and the giving of honor)**

#2 Jesus did not come to incite political revolution amongst His followers

“Be subject” (1 Pet 2:13)

“Honor the emperor” (1 Pet 2:17)

Pray and give thanks for “kings and all that are in authority” (1 Tim 2:1-2)

Don’t “resist the power” (Rom 13:2)



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#3 Politics is not a substitute for religion

**“and to God the things that are God’s.”
(Matt 22:21)**

IF CAESAR’S IMAGE IS BORN ON THE COIN...

WHERE IS GOD’S IMAGE FOUND?

**So God created man in His own image,
in the image of God He created him;
male and female He created them.**

(Gen 1:27)

