

The Real Rendering to God

Matthew 22:15-22

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The Setup: _____

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“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?” (v 16b-17)

The Trap: _____

- If Jesus speaks against the disciples of the Pharisees

- If Jesus agrees with the disciples of the Pharisees

“Why put me to the test, you hypocrites. Show me the coin for the tax. And he said, ‘Whose inscription is this?’ They said, ‘Caesar’s.’” (v 18b-21a)

- Jesus _____

“Then he said to them, ‘Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s.’”

(v 21a)

Jesus _____

- Jesus honored the _____

“...and to God the things that are God’s” (v 21b)

The ultimate issue: _____

“When they [Jesus’ inquisitors] heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away” (v 22)

In the end, there is no debate about the real _____
