
Render Unto Caesar...
Mark 12:13–17
July 26, 2015

Introduction:

- I. A trap is set for Jesus. Mark 12:13–14

- II. Jesus springs the trap. Mark 12:15–17
 - A. Yes, pay your taxes. Honor the king. 1 Peter 2:13–17

 - B. But remember, your ultimate allegiance is to God. Acts 5:27–29

- III. The foundation of Christian involvement (and resistance) in politics: the sovereign claims of God and Christ. Daniel 4:34–35; Matthew 28:18; Colossians 1:15–18

- IV. We need to take advantage of the window of opportunity we now have. 1 Chronicles 12:32

Questions for reflection:

- *What is the difference between the ‘separation of church and state’ and the ‘separation of God and state’?*
- *What do you think are the things God wants us to learn and understand in this particular cultural moment?*
- *What encumbrances and idols are keeping us as Christians from being the salt and light that we are called to be? What do I personally need to repent of and change in my life?*