

# The Gospel of the King

## Ultimate Allegiance

- Mark 12:13-17

**Context:** An oppressed people, a pagan ruler, an unusual alliance, and a trap

An intended **dilemma:**

*Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not? (v. 14)*

*If Jesus answers "no" ...*

*If Jesus answers "yes" ...*

Jesus' brilliant **response:**

*"Why put me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me look at it." (v. 15)*

He didn't \_\_\_\_\_ the question or \_\_\_\_\_ any controversy.

He demonstrated their gross \_\_\_\_\_: And they brought one ...  
(v. 16)

*"Whose likeness and inscription is this?"*

*"Caesar's."*

*"Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."  
(v. 17)*

**The critical questions:**

*What do I owe "Caesar"?*

*Why do I owe it?*

*What do I owe God?*

*Why do I owe it?*

Which demand takes priority?

**Implications for today:**

Jesus did not envision a \_\_\_\_\_ church ...

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Jesus envisioned a church that rightly recognizes \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ ...

As my Creator and King, Jesus has the right to demand \_\_\_\_\_ of me he  
\_\_\_\_\_.