*31* STUDY OF MARK 2020

Give to God What is God’s

Mark 12:13-17

Then Jesus said to them, ‘Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s.’ (17)

1. Who did the religious leaders send to Jesus? (13) Why was it unusual for the Pharisees and the Herodians to be doing something together? (Note[[1]](#footnote-1)) Why did they? (12:12, Mark 3:6[[2]](#footnote-2)) How did the Pharisees and Herodians flatter Jesus? (14a) Was what they said about Jesus true? Explain. Why then did they become Jesus’ enemy? (12:7)
2. What did they ask Jesus? (14b-15a) Why was it a trap for Jesus? (15b) Why did Jesus ask them to bring him a denarius? (15c) What did Jesus ask them about the coin? (16) What was their answer? What did Jesus mean by "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's"? (17a, Rom 13:1-2[[3]](#footnote-3)) How does “Giving to Caesar” define our basic duty towards our government and secular jobs? (Phil 3:20 [[4]](#footnote-4))
3. What did Jesus say about God? (17b) What does God want us to give Him? (Dt 6:5 & Mark 12:29-30[[5]](#footnote-5)). Why is it so hard for us to give our lives to God? But what should we remember about God that will help us? (Gen 1:27[[6]](#footnote-6); Ex 20:2[[7]](#footnote-7); Mk 10:45[[8]](#footnote-8)) Why do you think people were amazed at Jesus’ teaching?
1. **The Pharisee** means separatist. They strictly observed religious ceremonies and practices, adherence to oral laws and traditions, and belief in an afterlife and the coming of a Messiah. However in Matt 23 Jesus condemns them as hypocrites and blind guides (Matt 23:23-25)

**The Herodians** derived their name as followers of King Herod. The Herodians were a political party that wanted to restore a Herod to the throne in Judea as well as other areas ruled by Herod the Great. They were political foes of the Pharisees who wished to restore the kingdom of David. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. **Mark 3:6** - Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. **Romans 13:1-2** - Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. 2Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. **Phil 3:20** - But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. **Deut 6:4-5** - Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. a 5Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. **Genesis 1:27** - So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. **Exodus 20:2** - I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. **Mark 10:45 -** For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." [↑](#footnote-ref-8)