

INTRODUCTION

- * Jesus has entered into Jerusalem. He initially went into the Temple, cleared out the money-changers, and declared that the Temple was meant to be a house of prayer for all nations, but the religious establishment had made it into an emporium of thieves!
- * For the next four days, from His entrance into the city to His death on the cross, Jesus taught the people in the Temple.
- * Also on those the next four days, the religious leaders sought to trap Him and find public fault in Him or His teachings. This is important because as Psalm 118 declared, He would also be the Festal Sacrifice.
- * Jesus was the fulfillment of the Passover Lamb. In Exodus 12, YHWH gave specific instructions for processing of the Passover Lamb. It was supposed to be chosen on the 10th day of the month, examined for the next four days to assure that it was without blemish, and then slaughtered at twilight on the 14th day of the month. (Exodus 12:2-7)
- * Unknowingly, the religious leaders were certifying Jesus' fulfillment of this prophecy!
- * Through the rest of this chapter, we see several of these "tests" which the leaders brought to Jesus.
- * Each of the tests, leave of us with applications to our lives as well.
- * Today, we see YHWH's expectations for us in relationship to earthly authority and His heavenly authority!

INSTRUCTION

I. THE R_____ FOR THEIR QUESTION (v. 20-21)

A. Their I_____ (v. 20)

B. Their H_____ (v. 20-21; cf. 2 Corinthians 2:17; Galatians 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 2:4-5) ...

II. THE R_____ TO THEIR QUESTION (v. 22-25)

A. Render Therefore to Caesar ... That Which is Caesar's (v. 22-25a)

1. INTERPRETATION

2. APPLICATION

a. We Owe Them Our T_____ (cf. Romans 13:6)

b. We Owe Them Our R_____ (cf. Romans 13: 1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-14)

c. We Owe Them Our T_____ (cf. 1 Peter 2: 11-17)

d. We Owe Them Our P_____ (cf. 1 Timothy 2: 1-4)

B. Render Therefore to God ... That Which is God's (v. 25b)

1. INTERPRETATION (cf. Genesis 1: 26-27; Ephesians 4: 30; Revelation 7: 1-3)

2. APPLICATION

* Romans 12: 1-2; Luke 9: 23-25; Luke 14: 33

II. THE R_____ OF THEIR QUESTION (v. 26; 1 Peter 3:15; Colossians 4:6)

A. They Were S_____

B. They Were S_____

INTROSPECTION

- * Into whose image are you being transformed?
- * Are you rendering to God that which is God's?
- * Are you rendering to Caesar that which is Caesar's?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * How can grow in our ability to give an answer to everyone who asks us a reason for the hope that is within us?