



I. Smooth Talkers

- The Pharisees were the religious gatekeepers.
- The Herodians endorsed Roman Rule in Israel.

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- They thought they could soften Jesus' heart and make Him vulnerable.
- Jesus was not dependent on the influence of any man.

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 As you read the Gospels, you always get a sense of where you stand with Jesus.

II. An Impossible Question

- "Is it lawful to pay a poll-tax to Caesar, or not?"
- It was an annual head tax that went directly into the imperial treasury.

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 By paying the poll-tax, Jews would be breaking the second commandment by giving an offering to an idol.

III. An Amazing Answer • A Denarius was the coin used to pay the poll-tax.

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- Written on the coin are the words,
 "Tiberius Caesar Augustus, the son of the Divine Augustus".
- On the back is written, "Chief Priest".

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 The coin demonstrated that Caesar's authority existed among them and therefore implied his right to exact tribute.

Remember to give God what He is due.

Our Response

- Do you benefit from the government by living here?
- It is your duty as a child of God to be a good citizen.

Our Response

- God has placed government over us as an act of common grace to restrain evil.
- Our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20).

