

JESUS, OUR KING AND MESSIAH

Matthew 22.15-46

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Introduction

Jesus dealt with the following traps:

1. Political consideration (Matthew 22.15-22)

2. Theological controversy (Matthew 22.23-33)

3. Ethical commitment (Matthew 22.34-40)

Call to Response: To submit to Jesus as Messiah (Matthew 22.41-45)

Reflection & Response

How are we submitting to Jesus as our Messiah? Specifically...

1. ***Understanding the kingdom.*** If Jesus calls us to “give to Caesar what is Caesar’s and give to God what is God’s,” how are you holding in tandem the earthly and heavenly kingdoms, both at the same time?
2. ***Embracing the eternal life.*** If Jesus has the power of resurrection, how are you focusing on the eternal life, rather than the life here and now?
3. ***Love in obedience.*** If Jesus sacrificed himself to save us because of love, how are you loving God and loving others while obeying his commandments?