

EXPERIENCING THE KING  
LIVING OUT THE KINGDOM

THE STUDY OF MATTHEW

**Jesus, our King and Messiah**

**Matthew 22.15-46**

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# Context

Final week of Jesus life on earth:

1. Jesus comes into Jerusalem as King (Mt 21.1-27)
2. The King's True Subjects (Mt 21.28-22.14)
3. **Jesus, our King and Messiah (Mt 22.15-46)**

# 1. Political Consideration (Mt 22.15-22)

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. <sup>16</sup> They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. <sup>17</sup> Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?”



# 1. Political Consideration (Mt 22.15-22)

<sup>18</sup> But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, <sup>20</sup> and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?” <sup>21</sup> “Caesar’s,” they replied. Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.” <sup>22</sup> When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.



## 2. Theological Controversy (Mt 22.23-33)

<sup>23</sup> That same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question. <sup>24</sup> “Teacher,” they said, “Moses told us that if a man dies without having children, his brother must marry the widow and raise up offspring for him.”





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<sup>25</sup> Now there were seven brothers among us. The first one married and died, and since he had no children, he left his wife to his brother. <sup>26</sup> The same thing happened to the second and third brother, right on down to the seventh. <sup>27</sup> Finally, the woman died. <sup>28</sup> Now then, at the resurrection, whose wife will she be of the seven, since all of them were married to her?”



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<sup>29</sup> Jesus replied, “You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. <sup>30</sup> At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. <sup>31</sup> But about the resurrection of the dead—have you not read what God said to you, <sup>32</sup> ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’<sup>[Ex 3.6]</sup>? He is not the God of the dead but of the living.”

<sup>33</sup> When the crowds heard this, they were astonished at his teaching.



## 3. Ethical Commitment (Mt 22.34-40)

<sup>34</sup> Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. <sup>35</sup> One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: <sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”





## 3. Ethical Commitment (Mt 22.34-40)

<sup>37</sup> Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”<sup>[Dt 6.5]</sup> <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’<sup>[Lv 19.18]</sup> <sup>40</sup> All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”



# Response: To submit to Jesus as Messiah (Mt 22.41-46)

<sup>41</sup> While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, <sup>42</sup> “What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?”

“The son of David,” they replied.

<sup>43</sup> He said to them, “How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him ‘Lord’? For he says,





# Response: To submit to Jesus as Messiah (Mt 22.41-46)

44 “The Lord said to my Lord:  
“Sit at my right hand  
until I put your enemies  
under your feet.””[Ps 110.1]

45 If then David calls him ‘Lord,’ how  
can he be his son?” 46 No one could  
say a word in reply, and from that day  
on no one dared to ask him any more  
questions.



# Messiah?

- **The anointed one or the sent one**
- **Deliverer or Saviour**





# Messiah?

1. Not for political freedom
2. Resurrection power over death
3. Love undergirds obedience



**Save us from?**

**Save us how?**

# Implications

**Are we submitting to Jesus as our Messiah? Specifically...**

**1. *Understanding the kingdom.*** Holding the earthly and heavenly kingdoms together?

**2. *Embracing the resurrection life.***

Focusing on the eternal life, rather than the life here and now?

**3. *Love in obedience.*** Loving God and others while obeying him?

