

A Question about Taxes

15 Then the Pharisees went away and planned to trap Jesus into saying the wrong thing. **16** They sent their disciples to him along with Herod's followers. They said to him, "Teacher, we know that you tell the truth and that you teach the truth about the way of God. You don't favor individuals because of who they are. **17** So tell us what you think. Is it right to pay taxes to the emperor or not?"

18 Jesus recognized their evil plan, so he asked, "Why do you test me, you hypocrites? **19** Show me a coin used to pay taxes."

They brought him a coin. **20** He said to them, "Whose face and name is this?"

21 They replied, "The emperor's."

Then he said to them, "Very well, give the emperor what belongs to the emperor, and give God what belongs to God."

22 They were surprised to hear this. Then they left him alone and went away.

The Dead Come Back to Life

23 On that day some Sadducees, who say that people will never come back to life, came to Jesus. They asked him, **24** "Teacher, Moses said, 'If a man dies childless, his brother should marry his widow and have children for his brother.'"

25 There were seven brothers among us. The first married and died. Since he had no children, he left his widow to his brother. **26** The second brother also died, as well as the third, and the rest of the seven brothers. **27** At last the woman died. **28** Now, when the dead come back to life, whose wife will she be? All seven brothers had been married to her."

29 Jesus answered, "You're mistaken because you don't know the Scriptures or God's power. **30** When people come back to life, they don't marry. Rather, they are like the angels in heaven. **31** Haven't you read what God told you about the dead coming back to life? He said, **32** 'I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.' He's not the God of the dead but of the living."

33 He amazed the crowds who heard his teaching.