2.8 Paying Taxes

This section is based around Jesus’ conflict between religious authorities.

- The Pharisees went out to accuse Jesus of something by his words.
- They said to him “Teacher, we know you are man of integrity. You aren’t swayed by men, because you pay no attention to who they are; but you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. **Is I right to pay taxes to Caesar or not? Should we pay or shouldn’t we?**”
- Jesus replied, “Why are you trying to trap me?”
- Jesus also said to them “Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s”
- They were amazed

**Why might this have led to conflict?**

- The Pharisees were looking for an argument
- Jesus made them looks stupid
- Pharisees and Herodians were working together this showed them already how much they hated Jesus
- Some may be confused by this and argue

**Importance for Christians today**

- Teaches them their responsibility to God
- Teaches them that they must be aware of the difference between their duty to the state and their duty to God