

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 differences between their duty to the state and their duty to God

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