

Render to the True King

Text: Matthew 21.15–22, 41–46

Theme: We are to give to Jesus that which is owed to the King of our Kingdom

Introduction — Don't play mind games with the Omniscient One

Let's first see how Jesus reveals His authority & identity in Round #1

• Pharisees & Herodians ask what we shall...

I. RENDER TO THE KING, vv. 15–22

1. The trap meant to entangle Jesus in controversy
2. The “test”
3. No true interest in their test, Jesus answers
4. Here's My answer
5. Response to this

Round #1 is over; move to Round #2 where Jesus shows need for...

II. OPEN BOOK, OPEN MIND, vv. 23–32

1. Their approach
2. Their test question
3. Jesus' comeback attacks both false assumptions of Sadducees
4. Fundamental issue: you don't know the Word; can't know God

So, Jesus goes on offensive in order to answer His question...

III. WHO IS THE KING? vv. 41–46

1. Enough with silly questions
2. Before you go! Let me ask you a question
3. Question of Questions
4. Like Columbo, though, Jesus has just one more question
5. Jesus points out that David under God's inspiration as he writes
6. Answer is clear: Messiah more than just special person
7. Busted!

Conclusion — Our Lord Jesus the Christ is God's Son

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem, demonstrated identity & authority

To worship God, to worship Jesus is to recognize authority & identity

If Socrates would enter the room, we should rise and do him honor. If Jesus Christ came into the room, we should fall down on our knees and worship Him

Are you bowing before Jesus, the King?