

## Truth, Religion, and Politics – Luke 20:19-26

### I. Religion Fights Against Conviction (19-22)

#### A. The Religious Refused Jesus' Instruction

1. They conspired against Jesus
  - a. They were angry at His parable
  - b. They knew he was speaking about them
  - c. They were afraid of the crowd
2. They sought to trap him with logic (20)
  - a. They sent in spies
  - b. They wanted to catch him in his words
  - c. They sought to give him to Roman law

#### B. The Religious Sought to Discredit Jesus (21-22)

1. They flattered him
  - a. "speak and teach rightly"
  - b. "show no partiality"
  - c. "truly teach the way of God"
  - D. Religion makes you feel good
2. They tried to trap him with politics
  - a. Taxes were the hot issue of the day
  - b. Jews saw it as reprehensible to God
  - c. Treason not to pay
  - d. They asked, "Does it belong to God or Caesar"

### II. Truth Silences Religion (23-26)

#### A. Jesus Demonstrates Truth (23-25)

1. Jesus showed Caesar's image on the coin
2. Jesus said give Caesar and God their due

#### B. They could not respond (26)