

## The Book of Mark:

### Hypocrites and Liars: Welcome to Politics!

<sup>13</sup> Later they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Jesus to catch him in his words. <sup>14</sup> They came to him and said, "Teacher, we know that you are a man of integrity. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are; but you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not? <sup>15</sup> Should we pay or shouldn't we?"

But Jesus knew their hypocrisy. "Why are you trying to trap me?" he asked. "Bring me a denarius and let me look at it." <sup>16</sup> They brought the coin, and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

"Caesar's," they replied.

<sup>17</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." And they were amazed at him.

Mark 12:13-17 (NIV)

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

Romans 13:1 (NIV)

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, <sup>14</sup> or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.

1 Peter 2:13 (NIV)

THE MOST IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE: POLITICS IS \_\_\_\_\_ THE MOST \_\_\_\_\_ ISSUE.

HOW DID JESUS HANDLE THEM?

! HE OBSERVED THEIR \_\_\_\_\_.

! HE WASN'T AFRAID TO CALL OUT \_\_\_\_\_.

And they began to accuse him, saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Messiah, a king."

Luke 23:2 (NIV)

! HE SAW \_\_\_\_\_ WORKING \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST HIM.

Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

Mark 3:6 (NIV)

The kings of the earth rise up  
and the rulers band together  
against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,

<sup>3</sup>“Let us break their chains  
and throw off their shackles.”  
Psalm 2:2-3 (NIV)

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

- ! BE A \_\_\_\_\_ AND A \_\_\_\_\_.
- ! INSTEAD OF \_\_\_\_\_ OVER POLITICS, WE SHOULD \_\_\_\_\_  
UNDER CHRIST.
- ! GIVE GOD WHAT HE IS \_\_\_\_\_.