

In Jesus' day, Jewish nationalists (the Zealots) claimed that paying taxes to a pagan king was disloyalty to Israel's God. In light of Jesus' answer to the tax question, were the Zealots correct? Does this have any parallels in our national situation?

Read Romans 12:1. What are some of the ways we can be "Living sacrifices?" Paul says we should "present our bodies." How can we apply that concept to our daily lives?

**Prayer Requests**

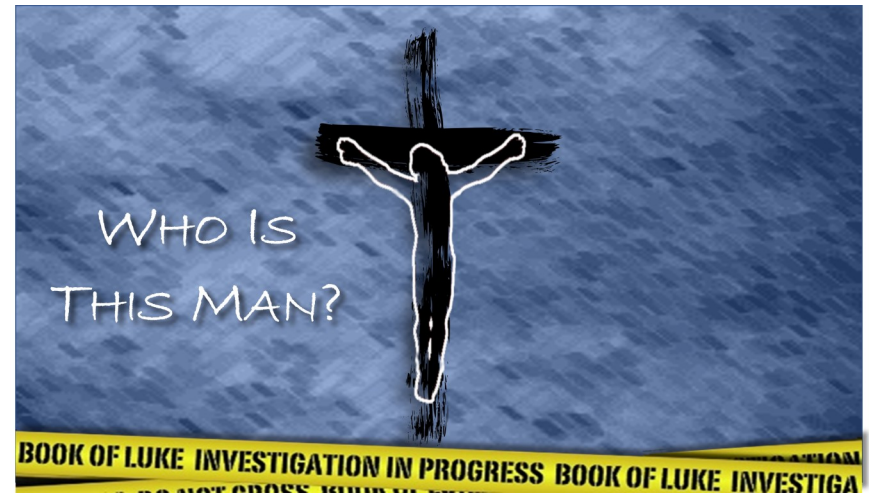
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**February 6, 2022 - Pay taxes to Caesar?**

Scripture References  
Luke 20:20-26 • Romans 12:1 • Matthew 16:25

- 1) By asking for a coin Jesus is pointing out that the spies were using Caesar's money. They were caught up into the political system they wanted Jesus to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) Jesus told the people they should pay the Roman tax, but he said it in such a way that it was hard to \_\_\_\_\_ with him.
- 3) In essence, Jesus told the people to \_\_\_\_\_ to Roman law.

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- 4) Jesus had many chances to address issues of \_\_\_\_\_,  
but he never did.
- 5) Jesus was born in a specific \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that  
allowed his story to spread in unprecedented ways.
- 6) Even though the people of Israel were very hostile  
towards Rome, it was the Roman \_\_\_\_\_ that God used  
to spread the story of Jesus.
- 7) We bear God's image even more \_\_\_\_\_ than the coin  
showed Caesar's image.
- 8) The image on the coin meant it belonged to Caesar. The image  
on us means we \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
- 9) The problem with living sacrifices is that they tend  
to \_\_\_\_\_ off the altar.
- 10) A living sacrifice must \_\_\_\_\_ stay on the altar  
in order to become a constant, ongoing sacrifice.



### Small Group Discussion Questions

Please try to think these over and jot down some ideas prior to discussing them at the meeting, it will improve the discussion.

What are some implications of the fact that Jesus tells the people to pay the tax? What does it tell us about Jesus' attitude towards government?

Read Romans 13:1-7 and 1 Peter 2:13-17. How should we apply these passages to our 21st century American lives?

Read 1 Peter 2:12. How would we go about this in our daily lives?  
Read Luke 23:1-2. How does this relate to 1 Peter 2:12?

Continued on reverse.