

Mark 12:13

And they sent to him some of the Pharisees
and some of the Herodians,
to trap him in his talk.

Mark 12:14a

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“Teacher, we know that you are true
and do not care about anyone’s opinion.
For you are not swayed by appearances,
but truly teach the way of God...

Lit. “Teacher [they would have said, “Rabbi”],
we know that you’re true (i.e., the genuine article),
and that it’s of no concern to you concerning anyone,
for you don’t look to the face of men,
but in truth teach the way of God.”

Proverbs 29:5

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Daniel 11:32

He shall seduce with flattery
those who violate the covenant,
but the people who know their God
shall stand firm and take action.

Romans 16:17-18

I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out
for those who cause divisions and create obstacles
contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught;
avoid them.

For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ,
but their own appetites,
and by smooth talk and flattery
they deceive the hearts of the naive.

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[*kensos Kaisari*], or not?
Should we pay them, or should we not?”

Exodus 30:11-16

The LORD said to Moses,

“When you take the census of the people of Israel,
then each shall give a ransom for his life
to the LORD when you number them,
that there be no plague among them
when you number them.

“Each one who is numbered in the census
shall give this:

half a shekel according to the shekel of the sanctuary
(the shekel is twenty gerahs),
half a shekel as an offering to the LORD.”

Exodus 30:11-16

“Everyone who is numbered in the census,
from twenty years old and upward,
shall give the LORD’s offering.
The rich shall not give more,
and the poor shall not give less,
than the half shekel,
when you give the LORD’s offering
to make atonement for your lives.”

Exodus 30:11-16

“You shall take the atonement money from the people of Israel and shall give it for the service of the tent of meeting, that it may bring the people of Israel to remembrance before the LORD, so as to make atonement for your lives.”

Denarius from Jesus' Time



FRONT: "Augustus Tiberius, Son of the Divine Augustus"
BACK: "High Priest"

Acts 5:37

“After him Judas the Galilean rose up
in the days of the census and drew away
some of the people after him.

“He too perished,
and all who followed him were scattered.”

Mark 12:14b

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Mark 12:15-16a

But, knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them,
“Why put me to the test?
Bring me a denarius and let me look at it.”

And they brought one.

Mark 12:16b-17

And he said to them,
“Whose likeness and inscription is this?”
They said to him, “Caesar’s.”

Jesus said to them,
“Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s,
and to God the things that are God’s.”

And they marveled at him.

Romans 13:5-7

Therefore one must be in subjection,
not only to avoid God's wrath
but also for the sake of conscience.
For the same reason you also pay taxes,
for the authorities are ministers of God,
attending to this very thing.
Pay to all what is owed to them:
taxes to whom taxes are owed,
revenue to whom revenue is owed,
respect to whom respect is owed,
honor to whom honor is owed.

Acts 5:28-29

“We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man’s blood upon us!”

But Peter and the apostles answered,
“We must obey God rather than men.”

Genesis 1:26-27

Then God said,

“Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.
And let them have dominion
over the fish of the sea and
over the birds of the heavens and
over the livestock and over all the earth and
over every creeping thing
that creeps on the earth.”

So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

Daniel 3:1, 4-6

King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold,
whose height was sixty cubits
and its breadth six cubits.
He set it up on the plain of Dura,
in the province of Babylon.

Daniel 3:1, 4-6

“You are commanded,

O peoples, nations, and languages,
that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre,
trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music,
you are to fall down and worship the golden image
that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up.

“And whoever does not fall down and worship
shall immediately be cast into
a burning fiery furnace.”

2 Corinthians 4:4

In their case the god of this world
has blinded the minds of the unbelievers,
to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel
of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Colossians 1:15

He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.

Romans 8:29

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

2 Corinthians 3:18

And we all, with unveiled face,
beholding the glory of the Lord,
are being transformed into the same image
from one degree of glory to another.
For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Romans 12:2

Do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that by testing you may discern
what is the will of God,
what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Philippians 2:14-16

Do all things without grumbling or questioning,
that you may be blameless and innocent,
children of God without blemish
in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation,
among whom you shine as lights in the world,
holding fast to the word of life,
so that in the day of Christ I may be proud
that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.