Pastor Mark Schmechel Oct. 12, 2025 Series: Upside Down Kingdom Matt 22:15-46

#### **GOTCHA QUESTIONS FOR GOD**

#### 1). Should we pay taxes to Caesar?

Matthew 22:15 (NIV) Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. <sup>16</sup> They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are.

Matthew 22:17 (NIV) Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"

- If He says: don't pay the tax...
- If He says: pay the tax...

Matthew 22:18 (NIV) But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, <sup>20</sup> and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" <sup>21</sup> "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

## Dual Citizenship:

- 1). Citizen in our Nation: we pay taxes.
- 2). Citizen in the Kingdom of God: give to further KOG.

Matthew 22:22 (NIV) When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

### 2). Who will I be married to in heaven?

Matthew 22:23 (NIV) That same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question. <sup>24</sup> "Teacher," they said, "Moses told us that if a man dies without having children, his brother must marry the widow and raise up offspring for him. <sup>25</sup> Now there were seven brothers among us. The first one married and died, and since he had no children, he left his wife to his brother. <sup>26</sup> The same thing happened to the second and third brother, right on down to the seventh. <sup>27</sup> Finally, the woman died. <sup>28</sup> Now then, at the resurrection, whose wife will she be of the seven, since all of them were married to her?"

Matthew 22:29 (NIV) Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. <sup>30</sup> At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. <sup>31</sup> But about the resurrection of the dead—have you not read what God said to you, <sup>32</sup> 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not the God of the dead but of the living." <sup>33</sup> When the crowds heard this, they were astonished at his teaching.

### 3). Which is the greatest commandment?

Matthew 22:34 (NIV) Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. <sup>35</sup> One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: <sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

<sup>37</sup> Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup> All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Romans 8:3 (NIV) For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

## 4). What do you think about the Messiah? (from Jesus)

Matthew 22:41 (NIV) While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, <sup>42</sup> "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?" "The son of David," they replied. <sup>43</sup> He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says, <sup>44</sup> "'The Lord said to my Lord:</del> "Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet." ' <sup>45</sup> If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son?"

Matthew 22:46 (NIV) No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

# Closing Questions:

- What do you WANT from God?
- What do you NEED from God?