

LATER THEY SENT SOME OF THE PHARISEES AND HERODIANS TO JESUS TO CATCH HIM IN HIS WORDS. 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

MARK 12:13-17

NOT? 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." THEY BROUGHT
THE COIN, AND HE ASKED THEM, "WHOSE IMAGE IS
THIS? AND WHOSE INSCRIPTION?" "CAESAR'S," THEY
REPLIED. THEN JESUS SAID TO THEM, "GIVE BACK TO

MARK 12:13-17

CAESAR WHAT IS CAESAR'S AND TO GOD WHAT IS
GOD'S." AND THEY WERE AMAZED AT HIM.

MARK 12:13-17



Question Everything

**How Deconstructing
Your Faith Can Help
You Keep It**

MARK 12

V. 13-17





**WHY ARE CHRISTIANS SO
POLITICALLY DRIVEN?**





MARK 12

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INDICATOR #1

**A TENDENCY TOWARDS
PACKAGE-DEAL
POLITICS**



..CONSISTENT FAITHFULNESS TO SCRIPTURE WILL NEVER SQUARE WITH TOTAL ALIGNMENT TO ANY POLITICAL PARTY. A GOSPEL AGENDA IS NOT SET BY PARTISAN THINK TANKS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. IT'S SET BY SCRIPTURE. A GOSPEL AGENDA MAY ALIGN WITH SOME ASPECTS OF ONE POLITICAL PARTY AND SOME OF ANOTHER—AND SHOULD SPUR US TO

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ENGAGE IN THOSE AREAS—BUT IT ALSO DECIDEDLY REJECTS SOME ASPECTS OF BOTH. GOD’S AGENDA IS BETTER, BIGGER, AND MORE GLORIOUS THAN ANY ONE PARTY, NATION, CULTURE, OR TIME. THE MISSION OF JESUS WILL OUTLAST EVERY WHITE HOUSE TENURE. IT WILL OUTLAST AMERICA ITSELF. FOR THE CHRISTIAN, THE “RIGHT SIDE OF HISTORY”

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IS ALWAYS THE SIDE THAT PLACES FAITHFULNESS TO
THE ETERNAL GOD ABOVE LOYALTY TO A TEMPORAL
TRIBE.

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INDICATOR #2

**WHO YOU IDENTIFY
MOST WITH**





JESUS SAID, “MY KINGDOM IS **NOT OF THIS WORLD.**
IF IT WERE, MY SERVANTS WOULD FIGHT TO PREVENT
MY ARREST BY THE JEWISH LEADERS. BUT NOW MY
KINGDOM IS FROM ANOTHER PLACE.”

JOHN 18:36



