

# Truth is always better

<sup>19</sup>When the scribes and chief priests realized that Jesus had spoken this parable against them, they sought to arrest Him that very hour. But they were afraid of the people.

<sup>20</sup>So they watched Him closely and sent spies who pretended to be sincere. They were hoping to catch Him in His words in order to hand Him over to the rule and authority of the governor.

<sup>21</sup>“Teacher,” they inquired, “we know that You speak and teach correctly. You show no partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. <sup>22</sup>Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”

<sup>23</sup>But Jesus saw through their duplicity and said to them,

<sup>24</sup>“Show Me a denarius. Whose image and inscription are on it?”

“Caesar’s,” they answered.

<sup>25</sup>So Jesus told them, “Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”

<sup>26</sup>And they were unable to trap Him in His words before the people; and amazed at His answer, they fell silent.

Luke 20:19-26

I am the Way... John 14:6  
Full of grace and truth. John 1:14

**Truth will take me** . . . . . v19-20  
Jesus always spoke the truth, v19  
The truth will not make you popular, v19

Truth is the face of . . . . .  
I need to guard my . . . . . v20  
I will guard my ways, so I may... Psalm 39:1  
I need to guard my . . . . . v20  
Speaking the truth in love, Ephesians 4:15

**Truth will take me** . . . . . v21-23  
Why do you not understand? John 8:43-45

Personal value grows by what I . . . . .  
Social value grows by what I . . . . .  
Faith without works is dead, Jas.2:17,26

**Truth will take me** . . . . . v24-26  
I will be faithful with . . . . .  
I will be faithful with . . . . .  
“...in Our image” Genesis 1:26-27

## My prayer priorities for this week

- S 12 Jean H
- M 13 For God to be glorified
- T 14 Paula & Paul
- W 15 Tony & Diane
- T 16 Joan J. Lyn K
- F 17 Elsie & Bert
- S 18 Karen & Hung
- S 19 Our internet viewers

## Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. Look at v19. What differences do you notice about the attitudes of Jesus, and of the priests? How do you account for those differences?
2. List some factors that may generate the attitude displayed by Jesus.
3. What are each of the actions in v21, and how do they each build positive character traits within us?
4. A denarius was a coin with blasphemous inscriptions. Based on v23 why do you think Jesus asked for a denarius?
5. Is it morally right to pay taxes to an ungodly government?
6. What is God’s (v25) and how do I give it to Him?

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