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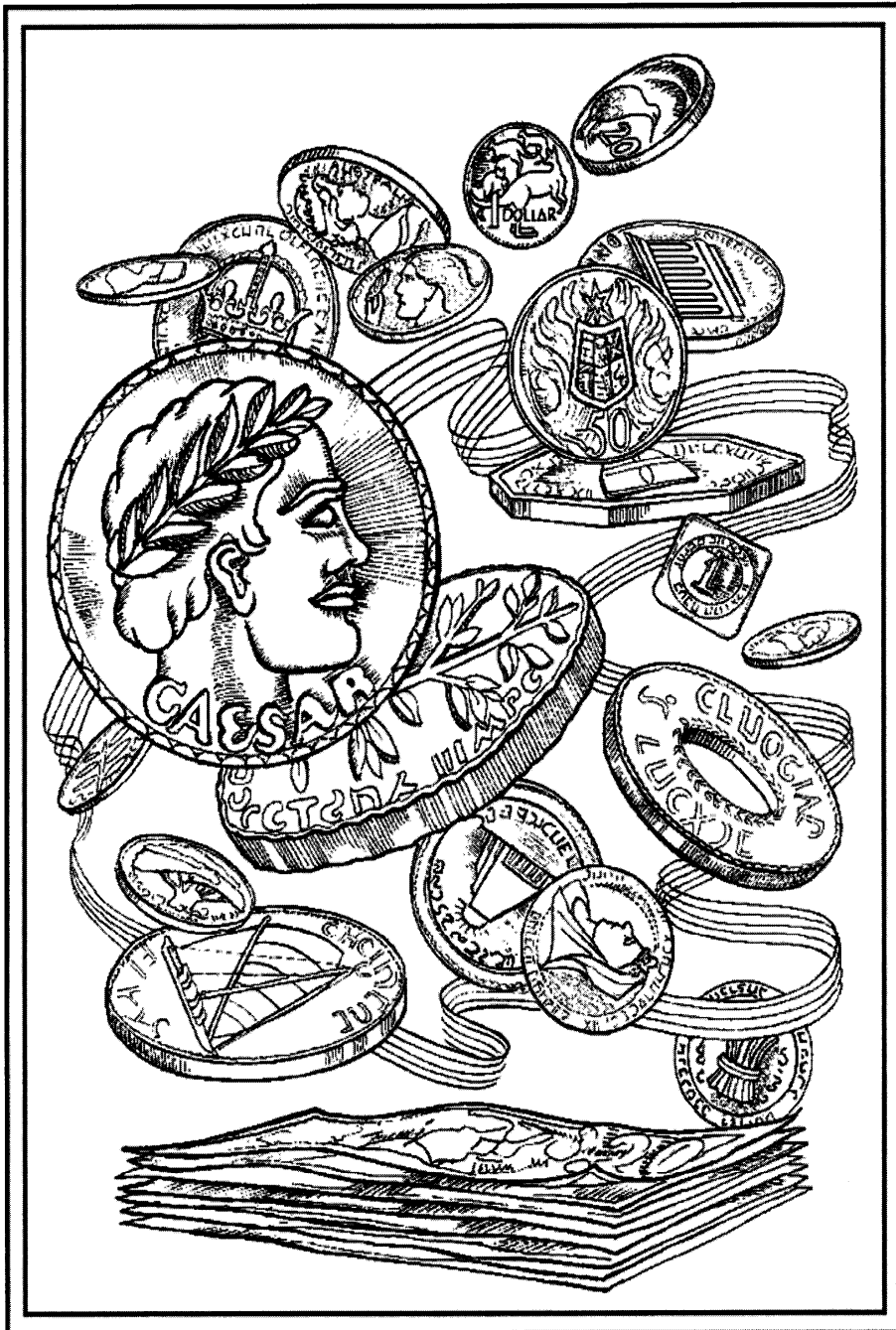


The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost 22 October, 2023

Matthew 22:19-21

Jesus said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

Dear Lord God, help us to give you what is yours. Help us to spend our hours in acts of love and our days in doing acts of kindness. May we always obey you and give you the praise that is due. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**



"Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."
Matthew 22:21

Word Search: Matthew 22:15-22 (CEV)



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| PHARISEES | TRICK | WRONG | FOLLOWERS |
| TEACHER | HONEST | GOD | EVERYONE |
| RESPECT | THINK | EMPEROR | EVIL |
| TEST | SHOW-OFFS | TAXES | SILVER |
| PICTURE | ANSWERED | JESUS | GIVE |
| BELONGS | SURPRISED | WALKED | |

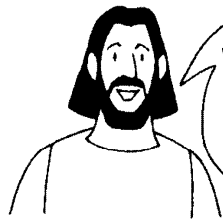
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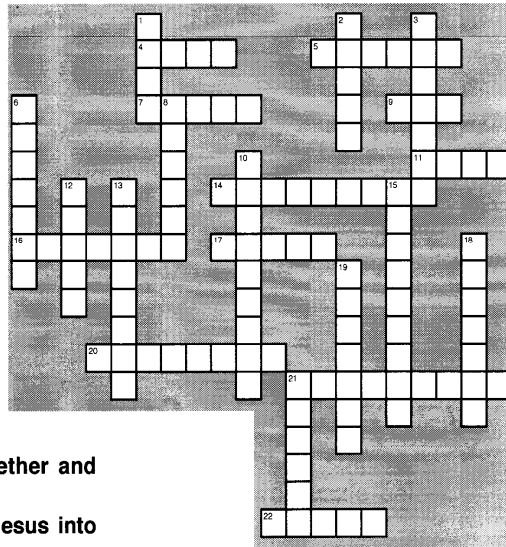
Crossword: Matthew 22:15-22 (CEV)

Listen CAREFULLY to the Reading and fill in the blank spaces.

Afterwards you will be able to complete the crossword puzzle below.



Whose picture and name are on the coin?



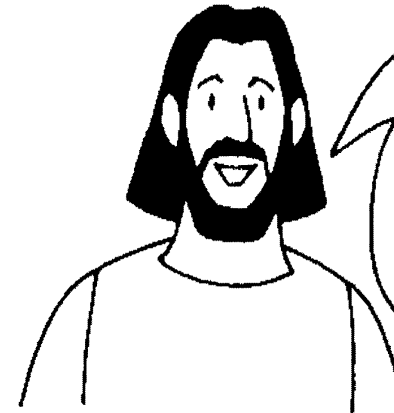
- 10 down) The _____ got together and planned
- 17 across) how they could _____ Jesus into saying
- 22 across) something _____. They sent some of their
- 15 down) followers and some of Herod's _____
- 18 down) to say to him, "_____, we know that
- 8 down) you are _____. You teach the truth
- 9 across) about what _____ wants people to do. And
- 13 down) you treat _____ with the same
- 16 across) _____, no matter who they are.
- 7 across) Tell us what you _____! Should we pay
- 19 down) taxes to the _____ or not?"
- 4 across) Jesus knew their _____ thoughts and said,
- 1 down) Why are you trying to _____ me?
- 14 across) They brought him a _____ coin, and he
- 2 down) asked, "Whose _____ and name are on it?"
- 21 down) They brought him a _____ coin, and he
- 6 down) asked, "Whose _____ and name are on it?"
- 20 across) The Emperor's, they _____.
- 12 down) Then _____ told them, "Give the Emperor
- 11 across) what belongs to him and _____ God what
- 3 down) _____ to God."
- 21 across) His answer _____ them so much that
- 5 across) they _____ away.



Is it right to pay taxes to Ceasar?



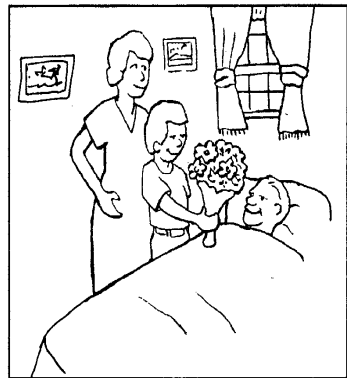
Whose picture and name are on the coin?



"Give the Emperor what belongs to him and give God what belongs to God."

Matthew 22:15-22

What belongs to God?
What can we give God?



Put the number next to the matching picture.

- Obedience
- Thanks
- Praise

AUTHORITY AND POWER?

WHICH STORIES SHOW CONFLICT AND VIOLENCE RESULTING FROM...

- NATIONALISM
- INDIVIDUAL SIN
- SOCIETY'S SIN

AUTHORITY AND POWER

WHO IS REALLY IN CHARGE?

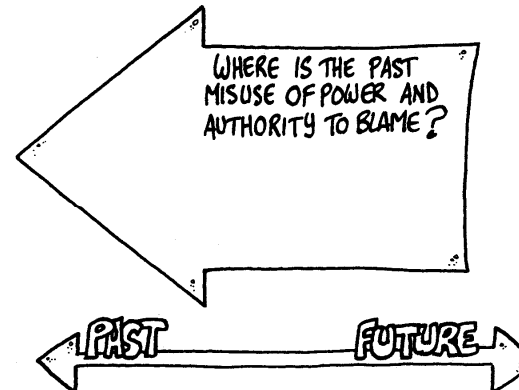
Over everything, and all time, God is in charge. It is only through him that we exist.

WHAT ABOUT WORLD LEADERS?

We are given the responsibility to be stewards of this world. Those who lead nations have a responsibility to lead for the good of the people.

IS THERE ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO CHANGE INJUSTICE AND ABUSE OF POWER?

Pray, and live under God's authority yourself. Stand up for what is right. Protest against what is wrong. Support the victims.



YOU ARE WORTHY, OUR LORD AND GOD, TO RECEIVE GLORY AND HONOUR AND POWER. FOR YOU HAVE CREATED ALL THINGS, AND BY YOUR WILL THEY HAVE THEIR BEING.