

# LUKE 20,21

20-26, 1-4

## WHAT TRULY MATTERS

In the reading today, we will read about two stories related to money to find out what truly matters to Jesus.

### 1. PAYING TAXES TO CAESAR (Luke 20:20-26)

20 So they (the religious leaders) watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

21 So they asked him,



23 But he perceived their craftiness, and said to them,

24 Show me a denarius

Whose likeness and inscription does it have?



25 They said, "Caesar's." He said to them, "Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

26 And they were not able in the presence of the people to catch him in what he said, but marveling at his answer they became silent.



After this, other groups came trying to test Jesus but His answer silenced them all.

## THE POOR WIDOW'S OFFERING (Luke 21:1-4)

1-2 Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins.



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And he said:

Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in  
more than all of them

for they all contributed out of their abundance, but  
she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.



END OF READING FOR DAY 3

## DID YOU KNOW



The denarius was a common Roman silver coin during Jesus' time and was the standard payment for a day's work.

It had the emperor's face and name stamped on it, which Jesus used to make His point.

All Jews hated paying taxes to Rome, and Rome punished everyone who didn't pay taxes, so the question was supposed to get Jesus in trouble no matter how He answered.

The money had the emperor's image, so it belonged to him. People are made in God's image (Genesis 1:27), so all people belong to God.

The government owns the money, but God owns you. Don't worry about money and give God what is rightfully His. Dedicate your life to Him.

## THINK ABOUT THIS

The religious leaders didn't want to give Rome money, but they had no problem taking it from widows. Jesus hated their hypocrisy. (Luke 20:47) In Luke 21, Jesus noticed the poor widow and announced that her gift was greater than all the rich people. He knew she had given all she had.

God always has His eyes on the needy, the widows, and the orphans, and He fights for them. (Psalm 146:9 ; Psalm 68:5) Whether you're rich or poor, His eyes are on you when you trust Him for every step of your life.



## PRAYER

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Share one thing God's Word has taught you about money.



Behold, the eye of the Lord  
is on those who fear him,  
on those who hope  
in his steadfast love,

Psalms 33:18



## THE POOR WIDOW'S OFFERING

