

Bible Study 2 – Integrity and submitting to authority – Matthew 22:15-22

Coin flipping is a way of choosing between two alternatives. The person who calls correctly wins. It's often used to make decisions at the beginning of games and sports. But if someone says, "heads I win, and tails you lose", then you always lose! That's not fair. It's a way of saying, "I win, no matter what," while trying to trick someone into thinking they are getting a fair deal. It can be a metaphor for "rigged" systems. But it's how the Jewish leaders treated Jesus.

The context	The Pharisees were ardent Jewish nationalists who opposed the Roman rule of Israel. The Herodians were named after king Herod who was appointed by the Romans. They supported the Roman rule of the Herods. So the Pharisees and the Herodians were usually enemies. They tried to trap Jesus. If He opposed the Roman tax, they would bring this to the attention of the Romans and He would be executed for treason. But if He supported the tax, He would be denounced as a traitor to the Jews.
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PART 1 Read & write each section in your own words – Matthew 22:15-22

Their motive (v.15, 18; Luke 20:20)	
Christ's character (v.16)	
Political question (v.17; Mark 12:14b)	
Answer (v.19-21: Luke 20:26)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?

2. What does it teach about people?

3. Summarise a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in this passage?

5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

6. Why should Christians obey the government (Romans 13:1-7)?

7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

Jesus had integrity. He taught people to obey both God and the government.



Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a *COMMANDMENT* or *MODEL* for me to follow?

Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

Prayer

Date:

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you or causing stress.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points

Who needs help? What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

