

Wisdom

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Matthew 22:15-46



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Sermon Outline Reference

- **Introduction:** The Trap and the Triumph (Matthew 22:15-22)
- **Part 1:** Political Wisdom – Caesar and God (Matthew 22:15-22)
- **Part 2:** Theological Wisdom – The Resurrection and the Word (Matthew 22:23-33)
- **Part 3:** Ethical Wisdom – Loving God and Neighbor (Matthew 22:34-40)
- **Part 4:** The Source of All Wisdom: The Ultimate Question – Whose Son is the Christ? (Matthew 22:41-46)

Discussion Questions

Part 1. Political Wisdom (Matthew 22:15-22)

1. Look at verses 16-17. Why is it so easy to let politics or worldly allegiance take first place in our hearts instead of trusting God completely?
2. Read Romans 13:1-7. What does it look like to give governing authorities their proper respect and taxes while keeping our ultimate, final allegiance to God alone?

Part 2. Theological Wisdom (Matthew 22:23-33)

3. When a part of the Bible or life feels hard and confusing, why do we tend to doubt God's Word instead of letting it shape our theology?
4. Read Isaiah 26:19 or Daniel 12:2. How does seeing the resurrection clearly taught even in the Old Testament change the way we view God's power?

Part 3. Ethical Wisdom (Matthew 22:34-40)

5. Why is it so easy for us to fall back into doing religious duties out of habit rather than loving God from a changed heart?
6. Read 1 John 4:19. How does knowing that God loved us first empower us to love the difficult people in our lives rather than putting up walls?

Part 4. The Source of All Wisdom (Matthew 22:41-46)

7. Why is it so vital for our daily lives that Jesus isn't just a good moral teacher, but our true and living Lord?
8. Read Colossians 2:2-3. How does finding all the "treasures of wisdom and knowledge" hidden in Christ change how we handle politics, theology, and everyday ethics?