

▼ **Are You Woke? Are You Hip? Are You Deep? Are You Christ? - Part 1**
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- **Read the Passage: Matthew 22:15-22**
- **Read the Passage: Matthew 22:23-33**
- **Read the Passage: Matthew 22:34-40**
- **Read the Passage: Matthew 22:41-46**

▼ **Determine Sermon's Purpose (what listeners should do)**

- Consider the ways in which these passages have been used.
- ▼ Reflect on the way we approach scripture:
 - Remember the tendency I mentioned to treat the Bible like a handbook.
 - Consider the questions raised by these four passages.
 - Reconsider this passage in light of our new approach.

▼ **Consider the ways in which these passages have been used.**

- ▼ Matthew 22:15-22 - Paying Taxes to Ceasar
 - Church and state are separate realms with separate responsibilities. Pay your taxes and worship God (pay your tithes too)?
- ▼ Matthew 22:23-33 - Marriage at the Resurrection
 - When we die we become angels?
- ▼ Matthew 22:34-40 - The Greatest Commandment
 - As long as I love people, I'm ok?
- ▼ Matthew 22:41-46 - Whose Son Is the Christ?
 - The Messiah is both David's descendent AND David's Lord?

▼ **Reflect on the way we approach scripture:**

- Remember the tendency I mentioned to treat the Bible like a handbook.
- ▼ Review Genesis 2 and the two trees:
 - Tree of Life
 - Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil
 - We were intended to eat from the Tree Of Life first and to receive (somehow) the knowledge of good and evil subsequently.
 - We have chosen to eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil first and have been willing to forfeit life in order to do so.

- What is life in light of John 17:1-10?
- ▼ Jesus does what he sees the Father doing:
 - John 4:27-38
 - John 5:16-23
- ▼ What significance does the “knowledge of good and evil” have for the way we approach passages like this?
 - Do we do what we see the Father doing, or do we set our own agendas?
- ▼ **Consider the questions raised by these four passages.**
 - ▼ Matthew 22:15-22 - Paying Taxes to Ceasar
 - What was the actual dilemma confronting Jesus?
 - How did Jesus’ response overcome the dilemma?
 - ▼ Matthew 22:23-33 - Marriage at the Resurrection
 - Why is the resurrection such a controversial issue?
 - Why did Jesus’ answer astonish the crowds?
 - ▼ Matthew 22:34-40 - The Greatest Commandment
 - What role did these commandments play in the daily life of Jews?
 - ▼ Matthew 22:41-46 - Whose Son Is the Christ?
 - What difference does it make if the Messiah is both David’s son and David’s Lord?
- ▼ **Reconsider this passage in light of our new approach.**
 - ▼ Matthew 22:15-22 - Paying Taxes to Ceasar
 - What does this teach us about who God is?
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- **Q&A**