

# The Gospel of Luke

*Chapter 20*

*Verses 20-40*

**Tricky Questions But  
There Is Hope**

## Question #1

*<sup>20</sup> So they watched him and sent spies who pretended to be honest, in order to trap him by what he said, so as to hand him over to the jurisdiction and authority of the governor. <sup>21</sup> So they asked him, "Teacher, we know that you are right in what you say and teach, and you show deference to no one, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. <sup>22</sup> Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?"*

## Question #1

*<sup>23</sup> But he perceived their craftiness and said to them, <sup>24</sup> “Show me a denarius. Whose head and whose title does it bear?” They said, “The emperor’s.” <sup>25</sup> He said to them, “Then give to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” <sup>26</sup> And they were not able in the presence of the people to trap him by what he said; and being amazed by his answer, they became silent.*

# SPIES

# The Trap

They set Jesus up for one of two answers that both lead to a quick death...

1. Don't pay the taxes to Rome

OR

1. Pay the taxes to Rome

Denarius  
or  
Tribute  
Penny

Image of  
the  
Emperor  
Tiberius



## Genesis 1:26-27 (image)

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

*Sure, give those blasphemous coins back to Caesar where they came from. His image is on them after all, but God's image is on you, so give your entire lives back to your Creator, the true God.*



## Luke 20:27-40

*<sup>27</sup> Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him <sup>28</sup> and asked him a question, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; <sup>30</sup> then the second <sup>31</sup> and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup> Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup> In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”*

## Luke 20:27-40

*<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; <sup>35</sup> but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup> Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection.*

*<sup>37</sup> And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup> Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive." <sup>39</sup> Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." <sup>40</sup> For they no longer dared to ask him another question.*

The Sadducees did not believe in  
the resurrection, so...

they were “sad, you see.”

Unique story in that Jesus directly answers the question and sides with one group instead of another group in their theological arguments

## 2 MAIN POINTS

- Resurrected life is different – you won't be getting married and having children
- About that Moses, he actually teaches the resurrection

What does this all  
mean?