

THE GREAT RELIGIOUS DEBATE

Matthew 22:15-46

ROUND ONE — THE HERODIANS TAKE ON JESUS

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Introduction: As the religious leaders have been seeking to discredit Jesus, Jesus over and over again discredits them, makes them look foolish, and exposes them as murderers which was the intention of the previous two parables — The Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers 21:33-44. and, The Parable of The Wedding Feast 22:1-14. Regardless of what the Jewish rulers thought of Jesus, the people took Him for a prophet and was gaining a strong hold on the people that they were determined to break. To have Him arrested would bring the wrath of the people upon them so they continue seeking to discredit Him as a teacher and as to His messianic claims. We now see them coming to Jesus. one group after another with some of their pet problems that they doubtless had unsuccessfully debated amongst themselves. Since they being "the most learned" scholars in the land found no suitable answer to their questions, they certainly did not expect Jesus to. They were wrong, and bite off more than they can chew. Once again their evil intentions give to us some practical teachings on vital subjects — like, pardon the expression — death and taxes.

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1. **THE HERODIANS' UNLIKELY** _____ —% •

2. **THE HERODIANS' DISINGENUOUS** _____ — v 16

3. **THE HERODIANS' CLEVER** _____

4. THE LORD'S PERCEPTIVE _____ - vv 18-21

A. IT WAS PERSONALL1 _____ - v 18

B. IT WAS BIBLICALLY _____ - vv 19-2

5. THE HERODIANS' QUICK _____