

Jesus replaces false religion with the true faith

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## Questions for today.....

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Mark 11:27 – 12:34

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<sup>27</sup> They arrived again in Jerusalem, and while Jesus was walking in the temple courts, the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders came to him. <sup>28</sup> “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you authority to do this?”

<sup>29</sup> Jesus replied, “I will ask you one question. Answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. <sup>30</sup> John’s baptism—was it from heaven, or of human origin? Tell me!”

<sup>31</sup> They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’ <sup>32</sup> But if we say, ‘Of human origin’ ...” (They feared the people, for everyone held that John really was a prophet.)

<sup>33</sup> So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.”

Jesus said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.”

27‘Ua toe fo’i i latou i Ierusalem. A o maliu atu Iesu i le malumalu, ‘ona ō mai lea ‘iā te ia o ositaulaga sili, o a’oa’o tulafono ma toeaina, 28‘ua fai atu ‘iā te ia, “O le ā le pule a o ai fo’i nā na avatua ‘iā te oe lea pule e fai ai nei mea?”

29‘Ona tali atu lea o Iesu ‘iā te i latou, “ ‘Ia ‘outou tali mai i la’u fesili nei e tasi ‘ona ‘ou fa’amatalaina atu ai lea o le pule o lo’o ‘ou faia ai nei mea. 30O le papatisoga ‘ea a loane e mai le Atua pe mai tagata?”

31‘Ona fefinaua’i lea o i latou lava: “O le ā sa tatou tali? ‘Āfai tatou te tali atu, ‘Mai le Atua,’ o le ā fesili mai loa o ia ‘iā te i tatou, ‘Na ‘outou le talitonu la o le ā ‘iā te ia?’ 32‘Āfai fo’i tatou te fai atu, ‘Mai tagata;’ ‘ua fefefe i latou i tagata; auā ‘ua talitonu i latou uma o loane o le perofeta moni o ia.” 33‘Ona tali atu lea o i latou ‘iā Iesu, “Matou te le iloa.”

‘Ua fetalai atu Iesu ‘iā te i latou, “O le ā ‘ou le ta’uina atu fo’i la ‘iā te ‘outou le pule ‘ua ‘ou faia ai nei mea.”

12 Jesus then began to speak to them in parables: “A man planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a pit for the winepress and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. <sup>2</sup> At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants to collect from them some of the fruit of the vineyard.

<sup>3</sup> But they seized him, beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>4</sup> Then he sent another servant to them; they struck this man on the head and treated him shamefully. <sup>5</sup> He sent still another, and that one they killed. He sent many others; some of them they beat, others they killed.

<sup>6</sup> “He had one left to send, a son, whom he loved. He sent him last of all, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’

<sup>7</sup> “But the tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ <sup>8</sup> So they took him and killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.

1 ‘Ona fetalai atu lea o Iesu ‘iā te i latou i tala fa’atusa: “Sa i ai le tagata na totō lona togāvine, ma ‘ua fai le pa e si’osi’o ai, ma ‘eli le lua e tu’u ai le suāvine, ma fausia fo’i le fale e nonofo ai ē leoleoina. ‘Ona tu’uina atu lea e ia i tagata faigaluega e galulue ai ‘ae alu malaga. <sup>2</sup> ‘Ua o’o i le taimi e matua ai vine, ‘ona ‘auina lea e ia le ‘au’auna i ē e galulue i vine ‘ina ‘ia aumai lona vaega.

<sup>3</sup> A ‘ua pu’eina o ia e i latou ma sasa ma tuli e aunoa ma se mea. <sup>4</sup> ‘Ona toe ‘auina atu lea e lē e ona le togāvine le isi ‘au’auna, a ‘ua fetogia o ia e tagata galulue i vine ma ‘ua foa ai lona ulu, ‘ona ‘auina fua lea o ia ‘ua agaleagaina. <sup>5</sup> ‘Ua toe ‘auina atu fo’i e lē ona le togāvine le isi ‘au’auna, a ‘ua fasiotia o ia e i latou; sa fa’apenā fo’i ‘ona faia i isi e to’atele, na sasaina nisi ‘ae fasiotia isi.

<sup>6</sup> ‘Ona toe ai lea na o lona atali’i e to’atasi o lē ‘ua pele ‘iā te ia. ‘Ua i’u ‘ina ‘auina atu o ia ‘iā te i latou, auā sa manatu le matai, ‘O le ā āva mai i latou ‘iā te ia.’ <sup>7</sup> Peita’i ‘ua fetautalatala’i tagata galulue i vine ma fa’apea ane, ‘O le suli lenei! O mai tatou fasiotia o ia, ‘ona ‘avea ai lea o le togāvine ma tatou.’ <sup>8</sup> ‘Ona pu’ea lea o ia e i latou, ma fasiotia ma lafo i tua o le togāvine.

<sup>9</sup> “What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others. <sup>10</sup> Haven’t you read this passage of Scripture:

“The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
<sup>11</sup> the Lord has done this,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes’<sup>[a]</sup>?”

<sup>12</sup> Then the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders looked for a way to arrest him because they knew he had spoken the parable against them. But they were afraid of the crowd; so they left him and went away.

9“O le ā so ‘outou manatu i le mea o le ā faia e le matai? E sau o ia ma fasioti ē galulue i vine, ‘ae avatu le togāvine i nisi. 10Tou te le’i faitau ‘ea i ‘upu nei i le Tusi:

‘O le ma’a na lafoa’iina e tufuga fai fale,  
‘ua ‘avea lea ma ma’a tulimanu  
aupitoaluga.

11O le mea lea ‘ua faia e le Ali’i;  
tatou te ofo pe a va’ava’ai atu i ai?’ ”

12‘Ona taumafai lea o ta’ita’i o Iutaia e pu’eina Iesu ‘ina ‘ua iloa e i latou e fa’atatau tonu ‘iā te i latou le tala fa’atusa lenei. Peita’i ‘ua fefefe i latou i tagata, o le mea lea na tu’ua ai o ia e i latou ‘ae ō ‘ese.

<sup>13</sup> Later they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Jesus to catch him in his words.

<sup>14</sup> They came to him and said, “Teacher, we know that you are a man of integrity. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are; but you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. Is it right to pay the imperial tax<sup>[b]</sup> to Caesar or not? <sup>15</sup> Should we pay or shouldn’t we?”

But Jesus knew their hypocrisy. “Why are you trying to trap me?” he asked. “Bring me a denarius and let me look at it.” <sup>16</sup> They brought the coin, and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?”

“Caesar’s,” they replied.

<sup>17</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s.”

And they were amazed at him.

13‘Ua ‘auina atu e i latou nisi o faresaio ma nisi o le vaega a Herota e fesili tofotofo ‘iā te ia. 14‘Ua ō mai i latou ‘iā te ia ma fai mai, “Le A’oa’o e, ‘ua matou iloa o oe o le tagata fa’amaoni, auā ‘e te lē fa’a’au’au fo’i i se tagata; ‘ua e a’oa’o ma le fa’amaoni le finagalo moni o le Atua, e sa ‘ea ‘ona avatu lafoga ‘iā Kaisara pe leai?”

15‘Ua silafia e Iesu la latou togafiti, ‘ona tali atu lea o ia, “Aiseā ‘ua ‘outou taumafai ai e maileia a’u? Aumai se tupe se’i ‘ou va’ai i ai.”

16‘Ona ‘aumaia lea e i latou ‘iā te ia le tupe; ‘ona fesili atu lea o ia, “O ai e ona le fa’atusa ma le igoa lea o lo’o i le tupe?”

‘Ona tali mai lea o i latou, “O Kaisara.”

17‘Ona fetalai atu lea o Iesu, “‘Ia avatu ‘iā Kaisara mea a Kaisara, ‘ia ‘outou avatu fo’i i le Atua mea a le Atua.”

‘Ona ofo ai lea o i latou ‘iā te ia.

<sup>18</sup> Then the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question.

<sup>19</sup> “Teacher,” they said, “Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. <sup>20</sup> Now there were seven brothers. The first one married and died without leaving any children. <sup>21</sup> The second one married the widow, but he also died, leaving no child. It was the same with the third. <sup>22</sup> In fact, none of the seven left any children. Last of all, the woman died too. <sup>23</sup> At the resurrection<sup>[c]</sup> whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?”

<sup>24</sup> Jesus replied, “Are you not in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God? <sup>25</sup> When the dead rise, they will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. <sup>26</sup> Now about the dead rising—have you not read in the Book of Moses, in the account of the burning bush, how God said to him, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’<sup>[d]</sup>? <sup>27</sup> He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You are badly mistaken!”

18‘Ua ō mai ‘iā Iesu nisi Satukaio, o ē e tāofi e leai se toetū nai ē ‘ua oti, ma fesili mai ‘iā te ia, 19“Le A’oa’o e, ‘ua fa’atonuina i matou e Mose: ‘‘Āfai e oti se tane ma tu’ua lana avā ‘ae leai se fānau, e tatau la ‘ona toe nonofo lona uso ma le fafine lea ‘ina ‘ia maua ai se fānau ma lē ‘ua oti.’ 20Sa i ai le uso tama e to’afitu, na faiavā le ulumatua, ‘ae na oti ‘ae leai se fānau. 21‘Ona faiavā lea o le uso lona lua i le fafine lava lea, ‘ae na oti fo’i ‘ae leai se fānau. Na fa’apea fo’i i lona tolu, 22e o’o lava i le ui’i, na oti uma i latou ‘ae leai se fānau. Mulimuli ane, ‘ona oti ai lea o le fafine. 23O lenei la, a o’o ‘ina toe tutū mai e ‘ua oti, o ai o i latou nei o le ā nonofo ma le fafine? Auā o i latou uma lava na faiavā ‘iā te ia.”

24‘Ona tali atu lea o Iesu ‘iā te i latou, “E lē tinoa tele lo ‘outou sesē, ‘ona e lē gata ‘ina ‘outou lē malamalama i le Tusi Pa’ia ‘ae tou te lē manino fo’i i le mana o le Atua. 25Tou te lē iloa ‘ea a toe tutū mai e ‘ua oti o le ā pei i latou o agelu i le lagi, e lē faiavā pe nofo tane. 26A o le matā’upu e uiga i le toe tutū mai o ē ‘ua oti, tou te le’i faitau ‘ea i le Tusi a Mose e uiga i le la’au na mū? O lo’o tusia ai na fetalai atu le Atua ia Mose, ‘O a’u o le Atua o Aperamo, o le Atua o Isaako o le Atua fo’i o Iakopo.’Eso 3.6 27O lona uiga, o ia o le Atua o ē ola ‘ae lē o ē oti. ‘Ua ‘outou matua sesē lava!”



<sup>28</sup> One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”

<sup>29</sup> “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.’<sup>[e]</sup>

<sup>30</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’<sup>[f]</sup> <sup>31</sup> The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’<sup>[g]</sup> There is no commandment greater than these.”

<sup>32</sup> “Well said, teacher,” the man replied. “You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. <sup>33</sup> To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

<sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

28Sa i ai le isi a’oa’o tulafono sa fa’alogologo i le talatalanoaga a Iesu ma Satukaio. Na iloa e ia le sa’o o tali a Iesu, ‘ona fesili ane lea o ia ‘iā Iesu, “O lē fea poloa’iga e sili i poloa’iga uma?”

29‘Ua tali atu Iesu, “O le poloa’iga e aupito sili lenei: ‘Fa’alogo mai ia Isaraelu e, o le Ali’i lo tatou Atua o le Ali’i e to’atasi o ia. 30‘Ia e alofa atu i le Ali’i lou Atua ma lou loto ‘atoa, ma lou agaga ‘atoa, ma lou mafaufau ‘atoa ma lou malosi ‘atoa.’ 31O lona lua o poloa’iga sili: ‘ ‘Ia e alofa atu i lē lua te tuā’oi e pei o oe lava ‘iā te oe.’ O poloa’iga na e aupito sili.”

32‘Ona fai mai lea o le a’oa’o tulafono ‘iā Iesu, “Le A’oa’o e, e moni lava le mea ‘ua e fetalai mai ai; auā e to’atasi lava le Atua, e leai ma se isi. 33O le mea lea e tatau ai i le tagata ‘ona alofa i le Atua ma le loto ‘atoa, ma le mafaufau ‘atoa, ma le malosi ‘atoa; ma ‘ia alofa i lē la te tuā’oi e pei o ia lava ‘iā te ia. E sili atu lenā i lo taulaga mū ‘atoa ma isi taulaga uma.”

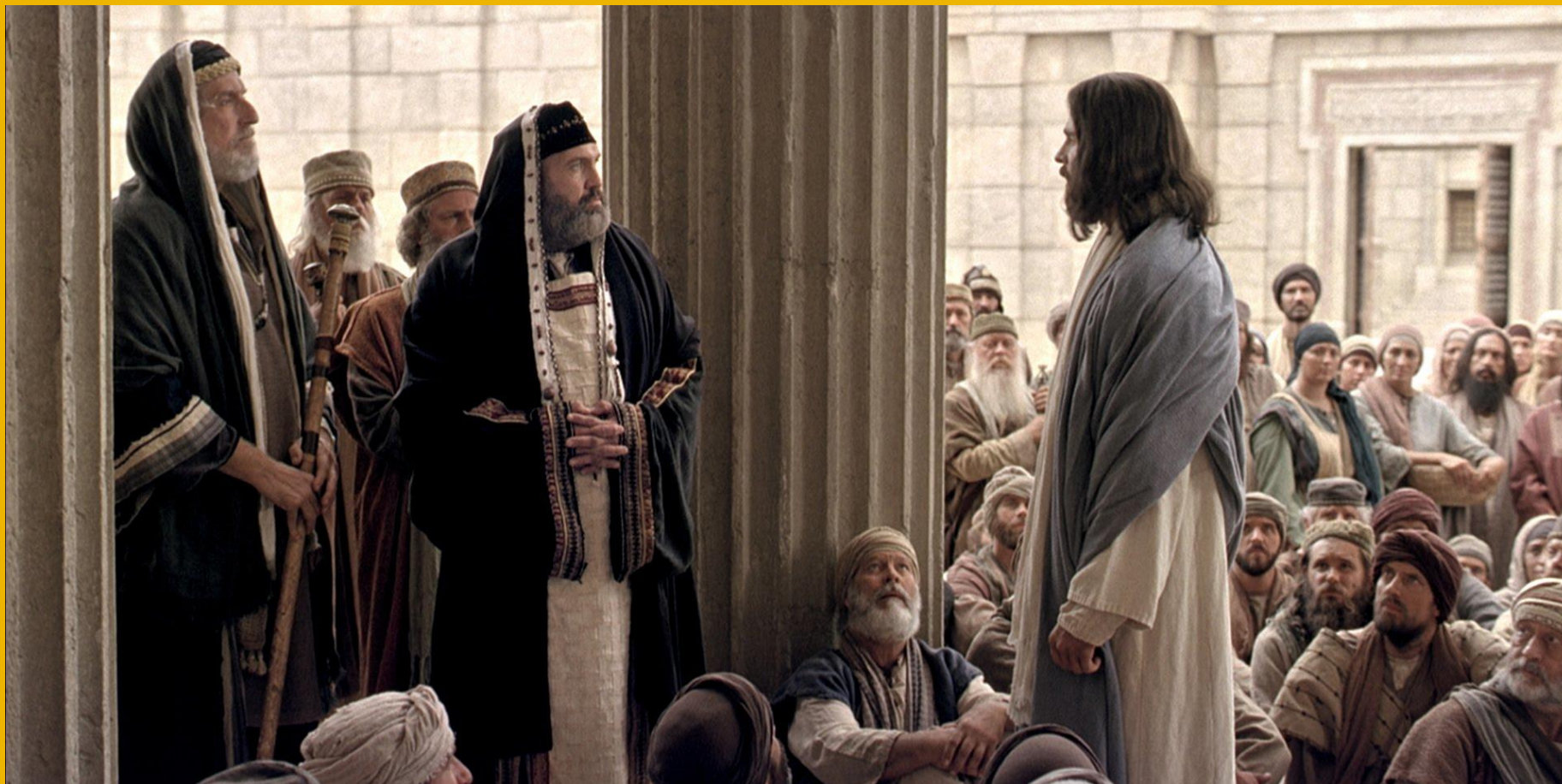
34‘Ua silafia e Iesu le atamai o lana tali, ‘ona fetalai atu lea o ia ‘iā te ia, “E le o vāvāmamao oe ma le Mālō o le Atua.”

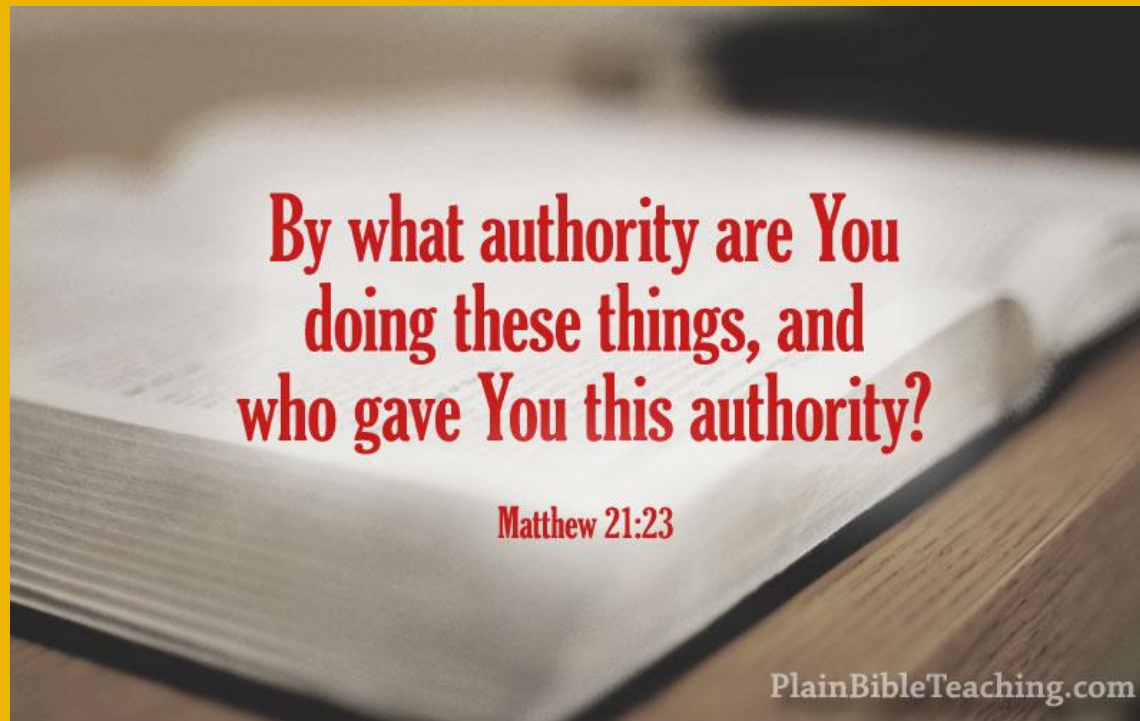
Talu ai i lea taimi e le’i toe taumafai se isi e fesili atu ‘iā te ia.

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The authority of Jesus questioned.....





What was the nature of his authority – what were his credentials?

Who was the source of his authority – who authorised him to do this?

From Heaven or from men?

# Anglicans to debate same-sex marriage

**CHARLIE GATES**

Same-sex couples may be able to have their marriages blessed in New Zealand Anglican churches under a divisive new proposal being debated by Canterbury diocese members.

Christchurch Anglicans are meeting today to discuss whether to allow same-sex blessings in a debate that could split the church. A final decision on whether to adopt the proposal will be voted on by the national Anglican Synod, the church's governing body, at a meeting in New Plymouth in May.

The proposal would allow each Anglican bishop to decide if same-sex blessings were allowed in

ministry they believe God is calling them to," the group's submission states.

FCANZ chair and Christchurch vicar Jay Behan said the stakes were high.

"The issue we are discussing is difficult and potentially divisive and any time you are discussing divisive topics the consequences can be serious and we need to be sure that what we are doing is done as carefully as we can.

"Whenever the issues are this difficult the stakes are always high."

Vicar Helen Jacobi of St Matthew-in-the-City in Auckland said the same-sex blessing proposal was "very watered down".

"I think it is probably all

## Drink

Canterbury  
of a revealing



**BRAEDON EDWARDS**

"I don't want to overreact and do something I regret in the morning. It's easy."





# The characters...

Vineyard

Israel /God's Kingdom

Owner of Vineyard

God

Tenants

Religious Leaders

Servants

Prophets

Beloved Son

Jesus

Jesus then switches metaphors in verses 10-11.

Builders

Religious Leaders

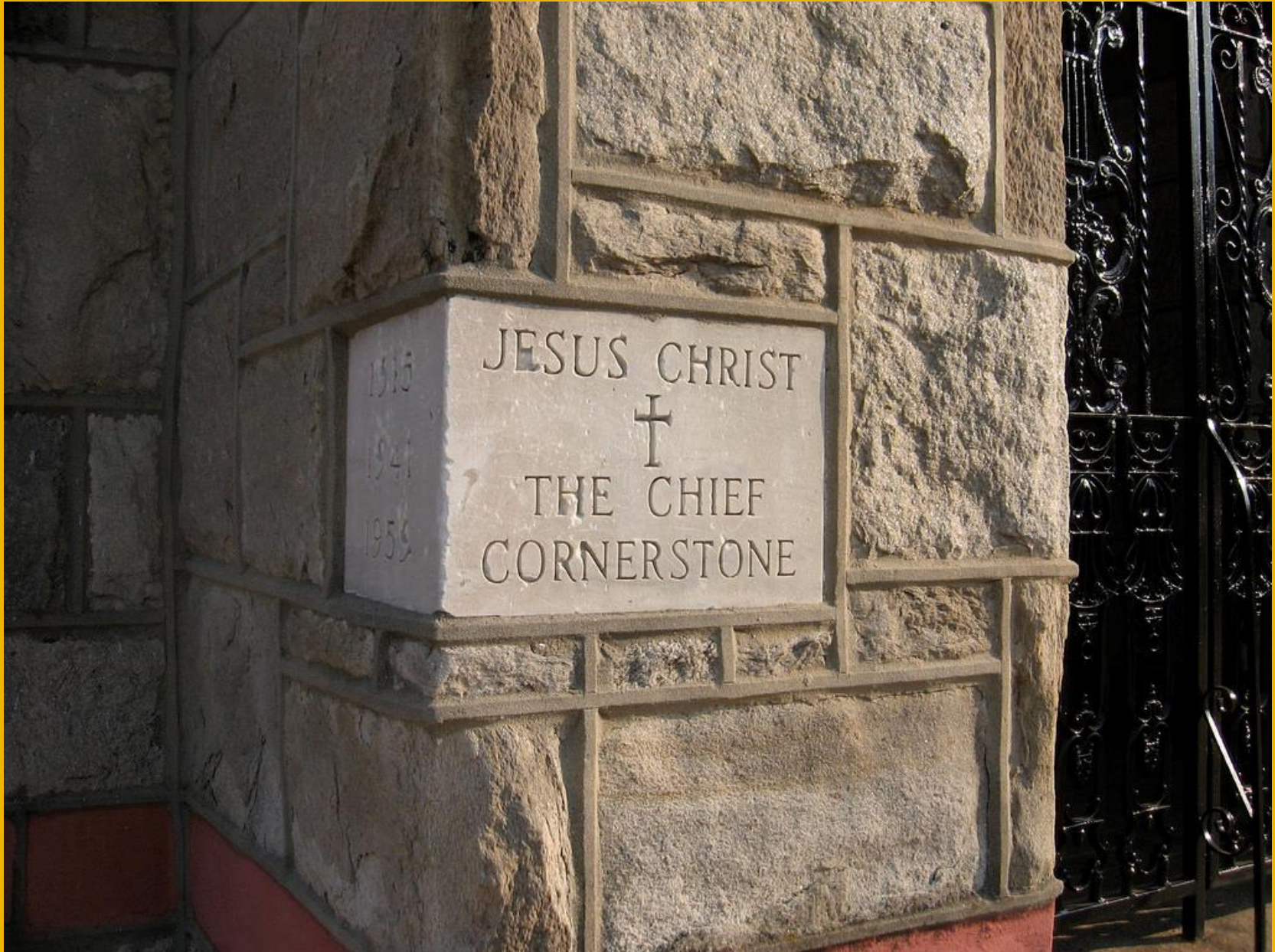
Cornerstone

Jesus





**Haven't you read this  
scripture: 'The stone the  
builders rejected has become  
the capstone; the Lord has  
done this, and it is marvelous in  
our eyes'?"**



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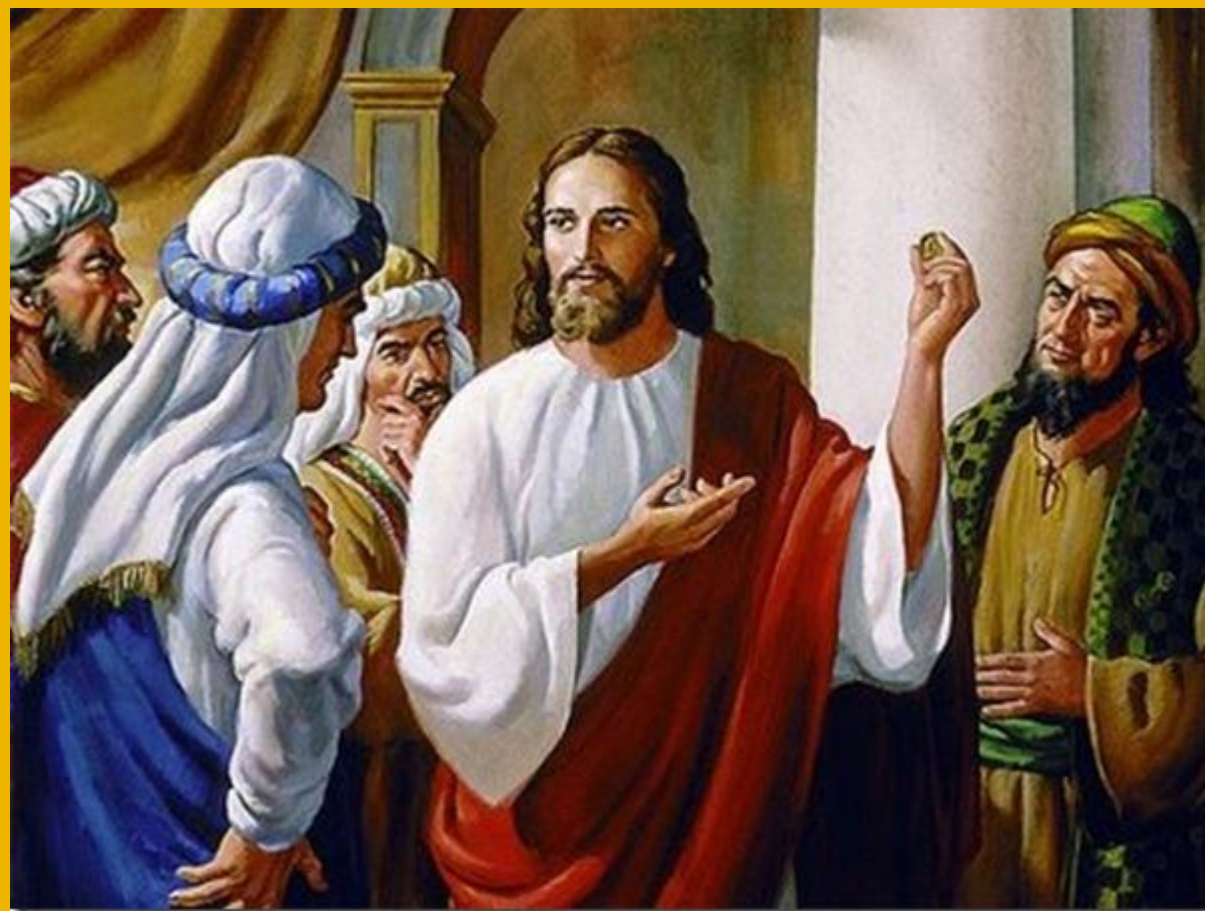
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JESUS CHRIST



THE CHIEF  
CORNERSTONE

Paying taxes to Caesar....dealing with hypocrisy



Warren Wiersbe .....

“If Jesus opposed the tax, He would be in trouble with Rome. If He approved the tax, He would be in trouble with the Jews.”

# Jesus asks for a coin....

- It shows us that He was poor because He carried no money.
- He wanted everyone to see that the leaders had a coin with an idol on it and it didn't seem to bother them.
- This teaching method got them personally involved as they watched him touch and look at the coin.
- Jesus is now moving the discussion from public politics to personal principle.

WHAT  
IS  
CAESAR'S?



WHAT  
IS  
GOD'S?

HONOUR ALL MEN. LOVE  
THE BROTHERHOOD.  
FEAR GOD. HONOUR THE  
KING.

- 1 PETER 2:17

## R.C Sproul....

“Every one of us has been stamped with an image by the supreme authority in heaven and earth. God Himself has placed His image on us. Caesar owned that denarius, but he did not own the people of his time. Likewise, the state does not own us. God owns us; He has the supreme right to claim our lives as His own. So, then, we are to render to God the things that are God’s, including our lives, our liberty, our possessions, and our affections.”



# The question of marriage.....

Marriage is an earthly institution

Life will be different in heaven

“Resurrection is not the restoration of life as we know it; it is the entrance into a new life that is different.” Heaven will be a completely different dimension than the life we now know. Weddings will not be performed because we will be invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb. We will certainly remember our spouse but every relationship we have here will pale in comparison to the relationship we will have with Jesus. WW



Some cutting statements....

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- Because you do not know the scriptures
- You are badly mistaken

Love the Lord your God

with ALL your HEART  
ALL your SOUL  
ALL your MIND  
ALL your STRENGTH

*and...*

Love your Neighbour

Love as you  
your Self



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