

Paying Taxes to Caesar

Luke 20:19–26

1. The religious establishment consisted of the scribes, Pharisees, and Sadducees (Matthew and Mark include the Herodians), and these groups were most often opposed to each other. However, here they band together in an attempt to trap Jesus to hand Him over to the Romans.
2. These antagonists are watching Jesus carefully, hoping to find a way to bring charges against Him. Already they have gone to Judas Iscariot and enlisted him to find a way to arrest Jesus.
3. Now, only two or three days before Jesus would be arrested and then crucified, Jesus' enemies ask Him if it is right to pay tribute, or a tax, to Caesar. The Romans were severe about this and monitored this closely.
4. Jesus asks that a denarius be shown to Him. This Roman coin probably had the likeness of Tiberius, the current Caesar, on one side of the coin and "Pontifex Maximus" on the reverse side.
5. He then says to give to Caesar what is required—yes, paying the tax—but to give to God the things that are God's.
6. If Jesus says "No" to paying the tax, the authorities will look at Jesus as a traitor and law breaker. If Jesus says "Yes" to paying the tax, many of the Jewish people will be angry, especially the religious authorities who stand to lose the most.
7. Jesus' antagonists become silent at this point.

Notes:

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation: And also with you.

The Gloria Patri

Hymn: # 572 Blessed Assurance

Call to Worship:

Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Elohenu Adonai echad

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one."

Leader: Jesus never changes; He is always the same.

People: WHILE WE WERE YET SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US.

Leader: His love for us never changes or fades.

People: THOUGH WE SHOULD BE FAITHLESS, HE IS ALWAYS FAITHFULL.

Leader: Let us praise and worship the Lord our God.

Morning Prayer — Prayers of the Church — Silent Prayer

Collect of the Day:

ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, YOUR SON OUR SAVIOR IS WITH YOU IN ETERNAL GLORY. GIVE US FAITH TO SEE THAT, TRUE TO HIS PROMISE, HE IS AMONG US STILL AND WILL BE WITH US TO THE END OF TIME—WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. Amen.

We Confess our Faith — The Apostle's Creed

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 25:5–10; Acts 23:6–8; Romans 14:5–9; 1 Corinthians 15:50–57; 2 Corinthians 4:1–6

Memory Verse: And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (Romans 4:3–4)

Reflection: Jesus deals with the secular and religious powers.

Choir: “Freely, Freely” and “You’re the Lifter of My Head” and “Judgement Day” by John and Merrily

Offertory Theme: Giving as unto the Lord.

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Ways to give when not present at service:

- 1) Go to the “Giving” page of our website: milleravenuechurch.org/giving and click on the “Donate” button, then follow the link.
- 2) Download the GivePlus+ app on your smartphone, then input Miller Avenue Church and follow the instructions.
- 3) Text a dollar amount (e.g., \$25) to 844-918-0231, then follow the link.
- 4) Mail a check to Miller Avenue Church, 285 Miller Ave., Mill Valley, CA 94941

The Doxology

Announcements: Birthdays, Reminder about Thursday evening Bible study, 1st Q Congregational Meeting after service.

Bible Exposition: Romans 7:1–6 (Richard)

Hymn: # 329 There is Power in the Blood

Sermon: Paying Taxes to Caesar & Sadducees Ask about the Resurrection
Luke 20:19–40
(Kent)

Benediction Song: God Be with You (2v)

Aaronic Benediction (Numbers 6:24–26):

May the LORD bless you and keep you; may the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; may the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Shalom. Amen.

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TV Shows, Worship Service Videos, Audio Sermons, Essays, Pastor’s Blog, Community Blog, Newsletters, Bulletins, Photo Gallery, Giving Portal, and more!

Also visit our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/miller.avenue.church.mill.valley>

Did you know?

Our “Miller Avenue Church” video-on-demand apps are now on:
Your iPhone (at the App Store) or Android phone (at the Play Store) plus

Roku
Apple TV
Fire TV
Google TV
YouTube
Cross.TV

Our Bible Study podcasts and Sunday morning sermons are also on:
Apple podcasts, Amazon music/audible, Gaana, YouTube Music, iHeartRadio, Radio.com mobile app, and Spotify (look for “Miller Avenue Church”)

Questions? ask katie@milleravenuechurch.org



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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Morning Worship <i>(in person and via Zoom)</i>	10:30am–12:00pm
Snacks and Gathering	12:20pm–1:20pm
Evening Worship <i>(in person and via Zoom)</i>	suspended

WEDNESDAY

Divorce Recovery Workshop <i>(via Zoom)</i>	7:00pm–8:30pm
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THURSDAY

Bible Study in the parsonage	6:00pm –7:00 pm
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SATURDAY

Donated Food Pickup front of chapel	10:30am–1:00pm
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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty,
 Creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son,
 our Lord. He was conceived by the power
 of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin
 Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead. On the third
 day He rose again. He ascended into
 heaven and is seated at the right hand
 of the Father. He will come again
 to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
 Christian Church, the communion
 of the saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 Hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread and
 forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive
 those who trespass against us.
 Lead us not into temptation
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory forever. **Amen**

Visitor Information Card

*✂ Please tear off and fill out
 card. Place in offering basket or
 give to church staff member.*

Today's Date: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Prayer Request

Please pray for:

Other comments:

I would like someone to
 contact me to pray over more
 confidential matters.

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I would like to learn more about:

- Christianity
- The Bible
- Baptism
- Receiving Counseling
- Deliverance Ministry
- Other

I am interested in helping with:

- Lunch
- Fix-up and Clean-up
- Donated Food Pick-up
- Worship music
- Worship Audio/Visual
- Television Crewing
- Pastoral Care Team
- Teaching
- Writing and Publishing
- Website Maintenance
- Other _____

I am interested in attending:

- Wed. Eve. Divorce Recovery
- Men's Group (TBD)
- Women's Bible Study (TBD)
- Zoom Class on Christian Basics

Other Comments:

**Upcoming Preaching Schedule
Morning Service:**

- May 7:** Sermon= Luke 20:41–21:4 (Kent)
Expo= Romans 7:7–12 (Doug)
- May 14:** Sermon= Luke 21:5–19 (Kent)
Expo= Romans 7:13–20 (Katie)
- May 21:** Sermon= Luke 21:20–28 (Kent)
Expo= Romans 7:21–25 (Daniel)
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Sunday Evening Service:

Suspended temporarily: In person and Zoomed worship service starts at 6:00 p.m.

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Filming schedule at CMCM has resumed most Thursday afternoons. Contact Kent or Katie if you are interested in learning how to crew on our productions.

TV Program Viewing Schedule

(View all on cable channel 26 or 99)

Why We Are Christians: Saturdays 1:30 and Fridays 7:30 PM
Bible Study: Fridays 8:00 PM
Spiritual Paths and the Pastor: Sundays noon, Mondays 2:30 PM

For current daily broadcast schedule, check online at cmcm.tv/watchcommunity

Giving:

Monthly Budget	\$3,500
Giving for April	\$5,485



Miller Avenue Baptist Church

An Evangelical and Reformed Congregation*

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel,
for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes,
to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
(Romans 1:16)*

Welcome!

April 30, 2023

*We claim the original, non-political, Biblical meaning of "Gospel Proclamation"