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Caught in the Passage

Luke 20:19-47

Render to Caesar: 20:19-26

Principle over Law Quiz: speed limit, red light, sign in absentia, **1 Timothy 2:8-10**

Avoiding the either/or trap: Herodians and Pharisees

Render to Caesar: determine what is appropriate: see **Matthew 7:6; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23; Romans 13:1**

Render to God: Everything is God's!

With Jesus words are containers that hold principles

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The sin of using Scripture as a “law-tool” to further your agenda

Assumption that words are like rocks: singular, firm and manipulatable

Example: The law of levirate marriage: **Deuteronomy 25:5-10**

Used as a logic game to challenge the idea of resurrection

Overlooking the principle of preserving a family name, generational security

Jesus plays their “rock game” with them: *the God of Abraham, of Isaac, of Jacob*

To expose their weakness, Jesus initiates a word-rock language game with them

The Messiah: David's son or Lord?

They can be manipulated by the the very tool with which they manipulate

Exposing them as “pretenders” masquerading over greed: **20:45-47**

Jesus' Way of Teaching the Scriptures:

Technical Torah word play was not His usual way of teaching

Parables, stories, questions, metaphors, observations, principles

People recognized authority in Jesus' teaching: **Matt 7:9, Mark 1:22, Luke 4:32**

Fulfilling the Law versus following the Law: see **Matthew 5:17-18**

You have heard it was said, but I say to you: **Matthew 5:21-48**

The Bible is not Book of Rules, neither is it a Behavior Manual (rocks)

He gave us a container, a space created by His words, in which to forever encounter Him: **Matt 24:35**

We will never solve the subjective hermeneutic problem in the Church

But when there two or three are gathered: **Matthew 18:20**

It is Jesus Himself that will show us “what belongs to Caesar and what belongs to God”