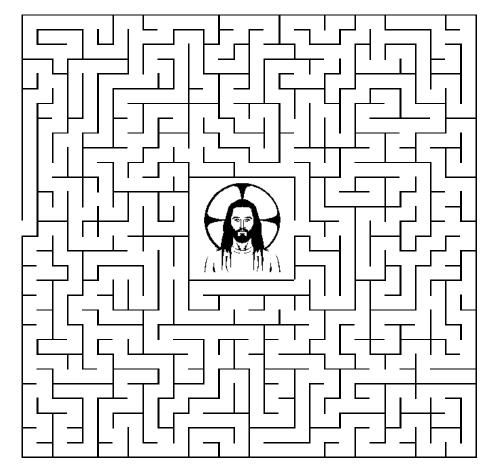
How to get out of the trap

Sometimes figuring out what is the right thing to do can be just as confusing as trying to find your way through a maze: paying taxes to the Roman Emperor or accepting no other authority than God and his Law?

Jesus finds a way to answer the question, but his answer turns out to be just as challenging as the question.



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Today's lessons:

Exodus 33:12-23	Moses is asking God a favour: to be with him and his people and show his glory. God fulfils Moses' wish, but with one restriction: Moses is not allowed to see God face to face.
Psalm 99	Tell everyone how great God is, and worship him, because he is listening to his people!
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Paul is delighted with the congregation he founded in Thessaloniki (a city in northern Greece = Macedonia).
Matthew 22:15-22	The Pharisees are putting Jesus to the test: they ask him a question to which they think there is no good answer: should a good Jew pay taxes to the Gentile emperor? Jesus answers that, as the coin shows the emperor's image, it must be his. (Implied is that, just the same, what shows God's image, is God's .)

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MODEL CHRISTIANS

Paul is really proud of the Thessalonians. They have been such good students of the Christian faith that now they can serve as

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Or rather, after the letters have been put in the right order:

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THE PRINCIPLE OF GRACE

Considering how well Moses has handled all the uprisings of the people against God, you would expect Moses has deserved some kind of reward. But that's not what God says, why he is going to fulfill Moses' wish. Can you sort it out?

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Praise the Lord!

God proves his greatness in his relationship to his people: listening and answering, forgiving when it's time to forgive, but not just letting pass whatever the people are doing.

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