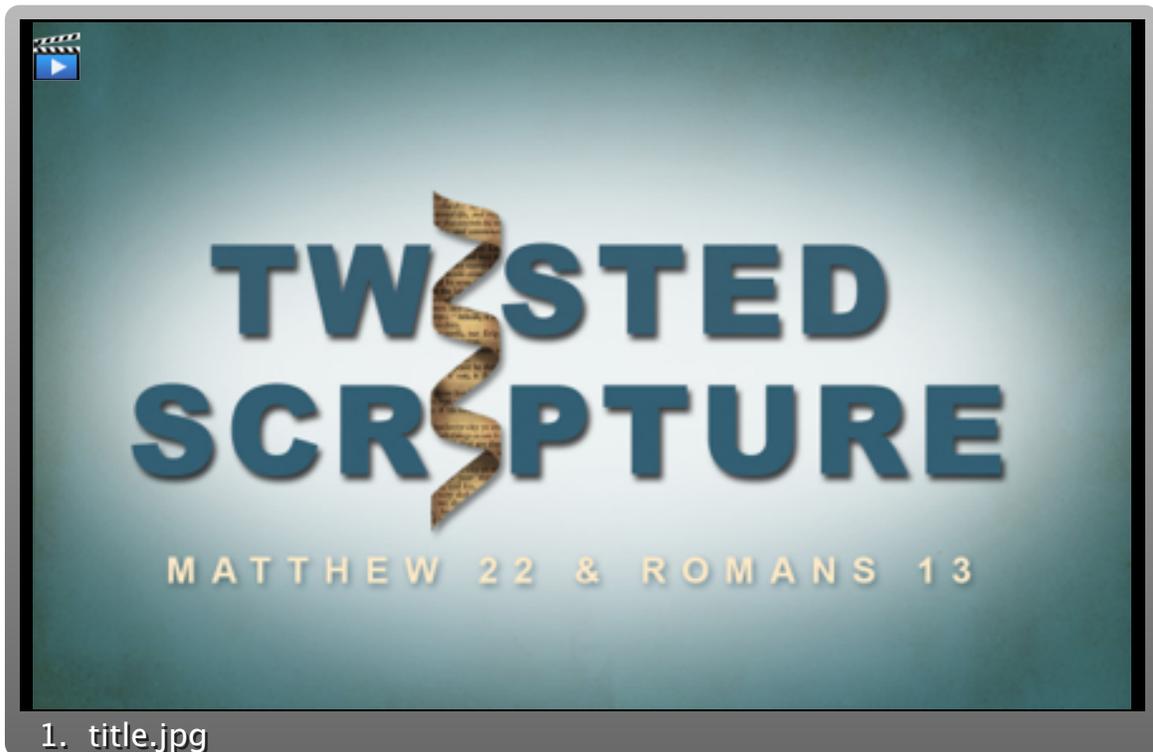


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MATTHEW 22:15-19

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"

2.

MATTHEW 22:18

"... So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

3.

ROMANS 13:1-2. 4

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted...for rulers...are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.

4.

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Christians confess to be the “Son of God” and worshipped him as God

9.

JOHN 1:18

No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

10.

- Caesar Augustus was called “the bringer of peace” and “savior of the world.”
- Caesar’s birth and reign was celebrated as “the Good News” (euangelion)
- The Roman empire was “the kingdom of Caesar.”

11.

- Christians confessed Jesus to be the bringer of peace and the savior of the world.
- Jesus' birth and reign was celebrated as "the Good News" (euangelion)
- The movement Jesus birthed is called "the kingdom of God" and the "kingdom of the Son."

12.

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- 2. How does this interpretation square with the teachings and example of Jesus?**

13.

MATTHEW 5:43-45

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

14.

MATTHEW 5:38-39

"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist (*anthistēmi*) one who is evil. But if any one strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also...

15.

- 1. How does this interpretation square with the way the NT describes Jesus?**
- 2. How does this interpretation square with the teachings and example of Jesus?**
- 3. How can all governments be “established by God” when many are demonic and when they fight each other?**

16.

Tassō = establish, order, file

17.

ROMANS 12:14, 17, 19-21

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse....Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

18.

Romans 12: 19 [Christians]
Do not take revenge (*ekdikeō*)

Romans 12:19 For "vengeance (*ekdikos*)
is mine," says the Lord)

Romans 13:4 government is God's
agent of vengeance (*ekdikos*)

19.