



<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees met together to plot how to trap Jesus into saying something for which he could be arrested. <sup>16</sup>They sent some of their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to meet with him. "Teacher," they said, "we know how honest you are. You teach the way of God truthfully. You are impartial and don't play favourites. 17 Now tell us what you think about this: Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

<sup>18</sup>But Jesus knew their evil motives. "You hypocrites!" he said. "Why are you trying to trap me? 19Here, show me the coin used for the tax." When they handed him a Roman coin, <sup>20</sup>he asked, "Whose picture and title are stamped on it?" 21"Caesar's," they replied. "Well, then," he said, "give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God." <sup>22</sup>His reply amazed them, and



