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Challenging Questions - Consequential Answers

Jesus' Questions For All of Us





Life's Big Questions

- Who am I?
- What am I doing here?
- What happens after I die?
- Who is Jesus?

Matthew 22:15-18 NIV

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?”

But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, **why are you trying to trap me?**”



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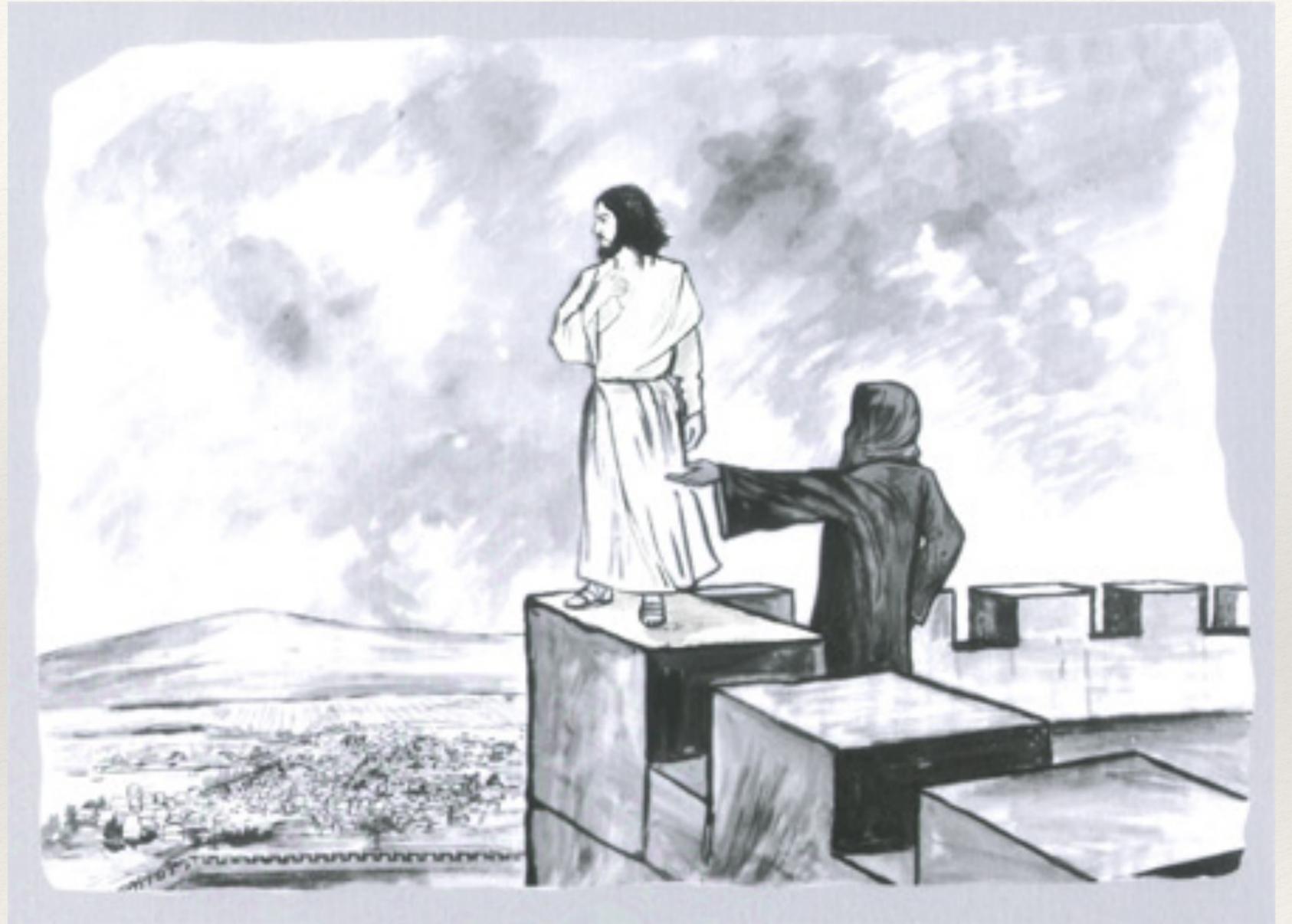
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Matthew 4:1 NIV

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

Matthew 4:7 and
Deuteronomy 6:16 NIV

‘Do not put the Lord your
God to the **test.**’”



Matthew 22:19- 22 NIV

Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, and he asked them,

“Whose image is this?

And whose inscription?”

“Caesar's,” they replied.

Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's.”

When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.



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Tiberius Caesar Augustus
son of divine Augustus



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high priest

Luke 16:13-15 NIV

“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. He said to them, “You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God's sight.

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What things belong to God ?

How do we give them back?

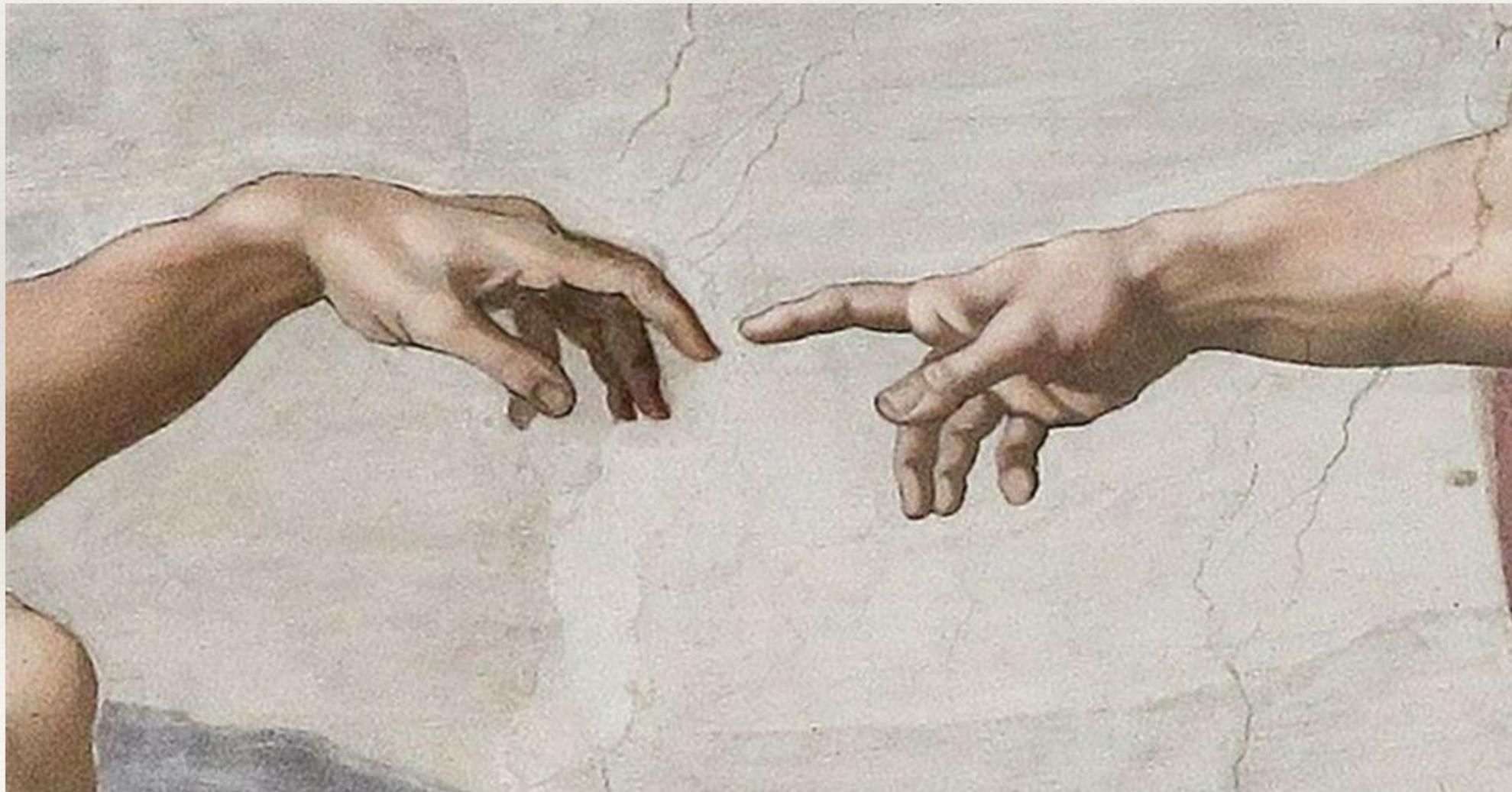


Genesis 1:26-27. NIV

Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our **image** (*selem in Hebrew; eikon in Greek translation*), in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

So God created mankind in his own **image**, (*selem in Hebrew; eikon in Greek translation*)
in the **image** (*selem in Hebrew; eikon in Greek translation*) of God
he created them;
male and female he created them.

- Who am I?
- What am I doing here?



Romans 12:1-2 NLT

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.



The Sadducees

Matthew 22:23-30 NIV

That same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question. “Teacher,” they said, “Moses told us that if a man dies without having children, his brother must marry the widow and raise up offspring for him. Now there were seven brothers among us. The first one married and died, and since he had no children, he left his wife to his brother. The same thing happened to the second and third brother, right on down to the seventh. Finally, the woman died. Now then, at the resurrection, whose wife will she be of the seven, since all of them were married to her?”

Jesus replied, “You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven.

Matthew 22:31-32 NIV

But about the resurrection of the dead—have you not read what God said to you, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’?

He is not the God of the dead but of the living.”

What happens after we die?

John 14:2-3 NLT

I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.

2 Corinthians 5:8 NLT

Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:42 NLT

Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever.

Matthew 22:41-46 NIV

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,

“What do you think about the Messiah?

Whose son is he?”

“The son of David,” they replied.

He said to them,

“How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him ‘Lord’?

For he says,

“The Lord said to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand
until I put your enemies
under your feet.””

If then David calls him ‘Lord,’ how can he be his son?”

No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

The Messiah - David's Son



- 2 Samuel 7:12 - eternal kingdom
- Isaiah 11:1 - a branch
- Micah 5:2 - City of David

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John 20:31 NIV

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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- Who am I?
 - God's image bearer
- What am I doing here?
 - Representing God
- What happens after I die?
 - Resurrection
- Who is Jesus?
 - The Messiah - Son of Man
 - Son of God