“In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.” - Benjamin Franklin

Luke 20:20-26

1. Trap #1- Either Way You Pay (v. 20-26)

The Spies’ attack:
  v. 22- “Is it right for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”
  Jesus’ response:
  v. 24- “Show me a denarius. Whose portrait and inscription are on it?”
  v. 25- “Then give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”

Romans 13:1-2
1 Peter 2:13-17

Biblical examples of appropriate opposition to government:
  - Hebrew midwives refusing Pharaoh’s order to kill all the Hebrew baby boys (Exodus 1).
  - Daniel and friends standing up to King Nebuchadnezzar’s idolatry in Babylon (Daniel 1-3).
  - Peter & John refusing the Jewish Sanhedrin’s order to stop preaching the gospel (Acts 4).


2. Trap #2- Happily Ever Hereafter? (v. 27-40)

The Sadducee’s attack:
  v. 33- “Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be?”

Jesus responds by pointing out 3 truths:
  1) A different reality (v. 34)
  2) A different relationship (v. 35-36)

  “Indeed, if we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that Our Lord finds our desires, not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.” – C. S. Lewis, “The Weight of Glory”

  3) A different reading (v. 37-38)

Exodus 3:4-6

3. Question: “Are you looking for loopholes or the Lord?”

v. 35- Will you be counted among “those who are considered worthy”? 