

## **WHOSE IMAGE?**

As preached on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Read:** Mark 12:13-17

1. Our text opens with two groups of people sent to Jesus. Who are they? Who are they sent by? And what are they sent to do?
2. What do you make of the opening words offered in v.14 describing Jesus? Are they sincere?
3. Their question for Jesus comes at the end of v.14. What is it? What makes it a loaded question?
4. What does Jesus ask for as he prepares to answer? Why?
5. What do you think of Jesus' answer in v.17? Did he really answer the question he'd been asked?
6. How are we supposed to know what is God's and what is Caesar's? How does the concept of "image" connect with this?
7. It's been suggested that Jesus encourages a "loyal, but limited responsibility to political power". Do you agree or disagree? What does too little allegiance to government look like? What does too much allegiance to government look like?
8. According to Jesus' teaching in this passage, how do you think believers should relate to political power today?