







## Celebration of Independence

# Freedom

#### How did we respond?

- Some complied
- Some complained
- Some Resisted
- Some Refused
- Some Fought



### **The TVEET** (63 Characters)

## "Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's."



Mark 12:17

Later they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Jesus to catch him in his words. They came to him and said, "Teacher, we know that you are a man of integrity. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are; but you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or

not? Should we pay or shouldn't we?" But Jesus knew their hypocrisy. "Why are you trying to trap me?" he asked.

"Bring me a denarius and let me look at it." They brought the coin, and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied. Then Jesus said to them, "Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." And they were amazed at him.



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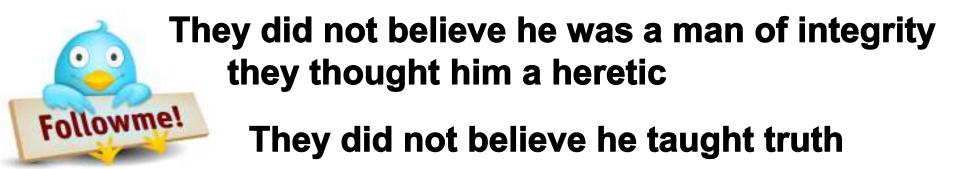
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Its a no win situation, unless you are Jesus



# "And they were amazed at him"



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#### Its an issue for the Jews and Us



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Faith -- Caesars considered themselves gods



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"You shall have no other gods before me. "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God.

**Genesis 20:3-4** 



# Freedom & Faith



## Responsible & Accountable



To do what I want Say what I want Live how I want And let God be the great justifier in my actions

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## Jesus would have none of it



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But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.



1 Peter 2:9-10

low Do We Apr (63 Characters) How we are identified **1. Chosen People -- Chosen by God because we** chose to follow him 2. Royal Priesthood – A priest was the person that represented God to humanity 3. Holy Nation -- A group of people set aside for a mission 4. Special Possession -- Something treasured but at the same time Followme! something owned

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If I am to give to God what is God's then this calling trumps my freedom

# 63 Characters) Humble Reminder

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