

Matthew 22:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men.

Analysis

This text illustrates key Reformed principles: sola Scriptura, sola gratia, and sola fide. The passage demonstrates how God's Word speaks authoritatively to human need, revealing both our depravity and God's merciful provision through Christ.

Historical Context

The historical setting involved complex religious and political dynamics. Jewish leaders maintained authority through Roman tolerance while common people sought deliverance. Jesus' teaching addressed both immediate concerns and eternal truths.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does this passage challenge your understanding of God's character?

2. What practical application does this truth have in your daily walk?
3. How should this verse shape your priorities and decisions?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	ἀποστέλλουσιν	αὐτῶν	τοὺς	μαθητὰς	αὐτῶν	μετὰ
And	they sent out	unto him	G3588	disciples	unto him	with
G2532	G649	G846		G3101	G846	G3326
τῶν	Ἡρωδιανῶν	λέγοντες	Διδάσκαλε	οἶδαμεν	ὅτι	
G3588	the Herodians	saying	Master	we know	that	
	G2265	G3004	G1320	G1492	G3754	
ἀληθῆς	εἶ	καὶ	τὴν	ὁδὸν	τοῦ	θεοῦ
true	thou art	And	G3588	the way	G3588	of God
G227	G1488	G2532		G3598	G2316	G1722
						in
						truth
						G225
διδάσκεις	καὶ	οὐ	μέλει	σοι	περὶ	οὐδενός·
teachest	And	neither	carest	thou	for	any
G1321	G2532	G3756	G3199	G4671	G4012	G3762
						neither
						G3756
γὰρ	βλέπεις	εἰς	πρόσωπον	ἀνθρώπων		
man for	thou regardest	not	the person	of men		
G1063	G991	G1519	G4383	G444		

Additional Cross-References

Mark 3:6 (Parallel theme): And the Pharisees went forth, and straightway took counsel with the Herodians against him, how they might destroy him.

Mark 8:15 (Parallel theme): And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod.

Mark 12:14 (Truth): And when they were come, they say unto him, Master, we know that thou art true, and carest for no man: for thou regardest not the person of men, but teachest the way of God in truth: Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not?

Luke 20:21 (References God): And they asked him, saying, Master, we know that thou sayest and teachest rightly, neither acceptest thou the person of any, but teachest the way of God truly:

1 John 5:20 (Truth): And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

John 14:6 (Truth): Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 18:37 (Truth): Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

John 7:18 (Truth): He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.