

Matthew 22:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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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 οἴδαμεν ὅτι
 G3588 the Herodians saying Master we know that
 G2265 G3004 G1320 G1492 G3754

ἀληθῆς εἰ καὶ τὴν ὁδὸν τοῦ θεοῦ ἐν ἀληθείᾳ
 true thou art And G3588 the way G3588 of God in truth
 G227 G1488 G2532 G3598 G2316 G1722 G225

διδάσκεις καὶ οὐ μέλει σοι περὶ οὐδενός· οὐ
 teachest And neither carest thou for any neither
 G1321 G2532 G3756 G3199 G4671 G4012 G3762 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.