

Jesus and Money

Taxes

Matthew 22:15-22

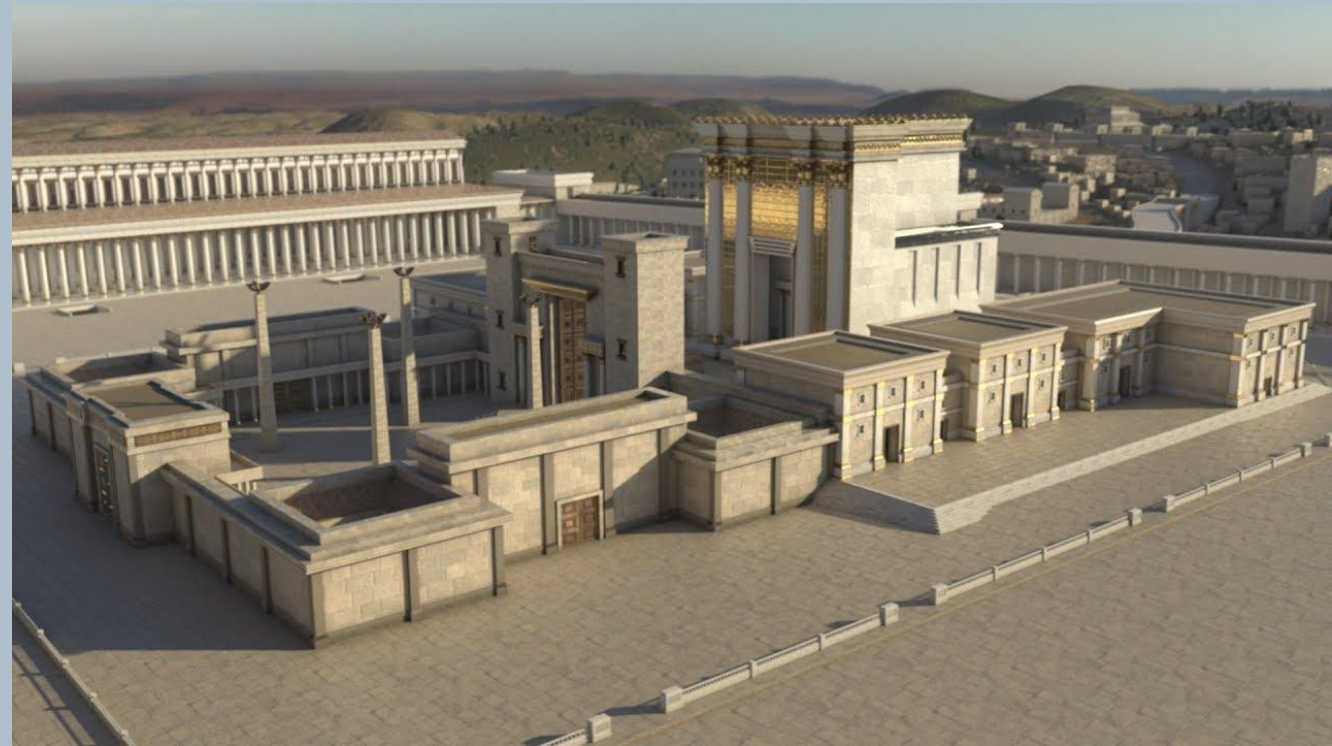




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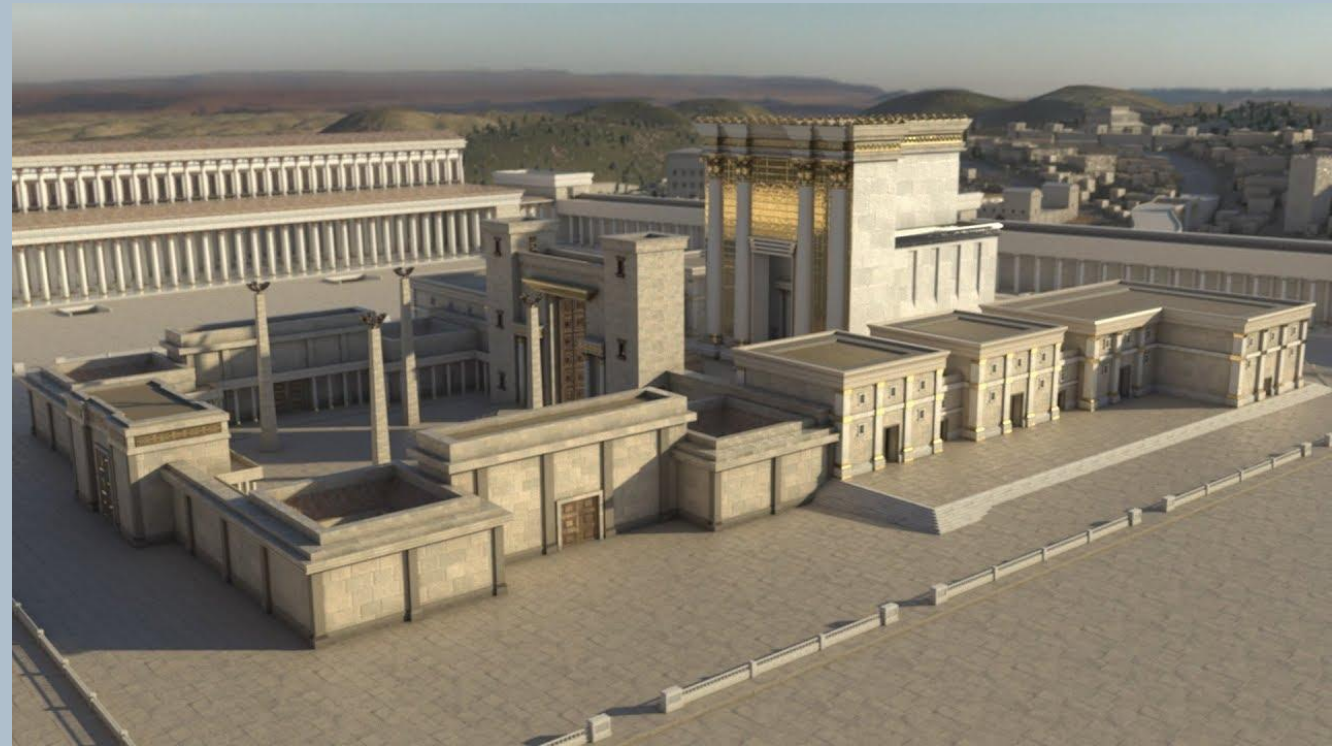


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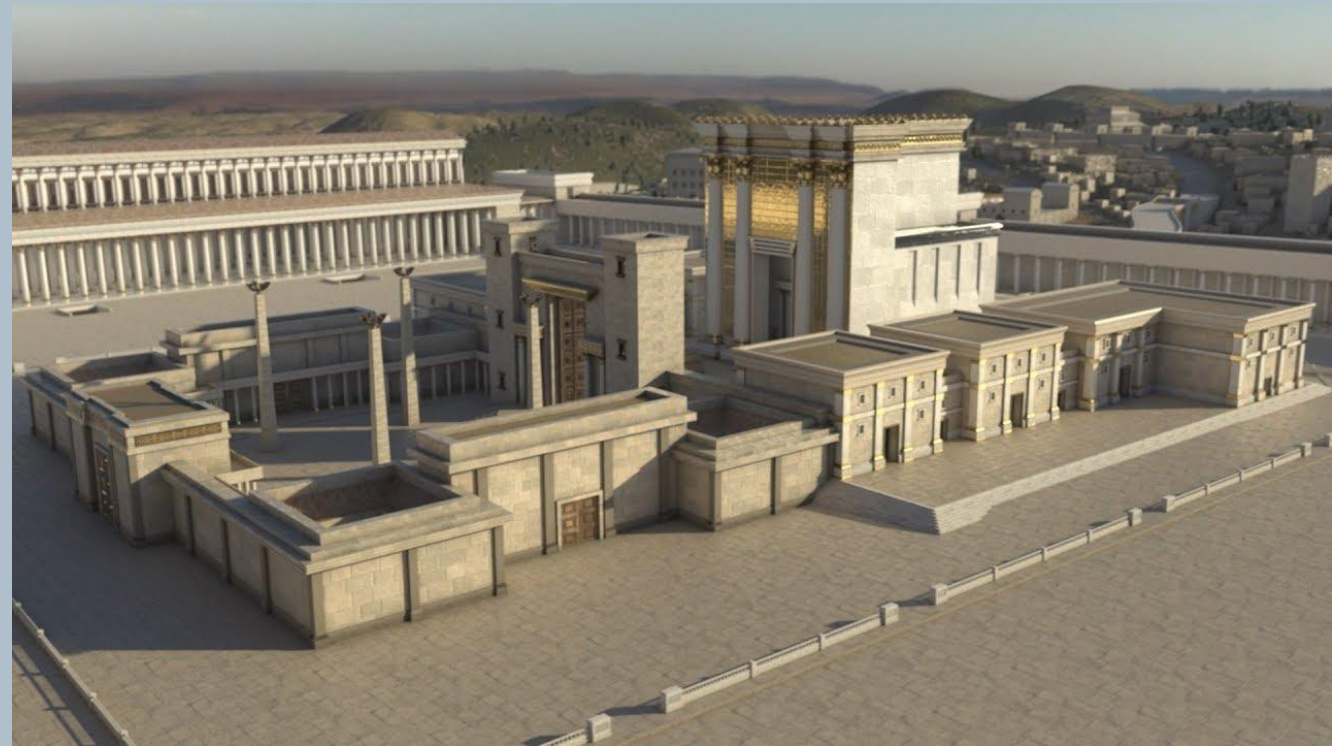
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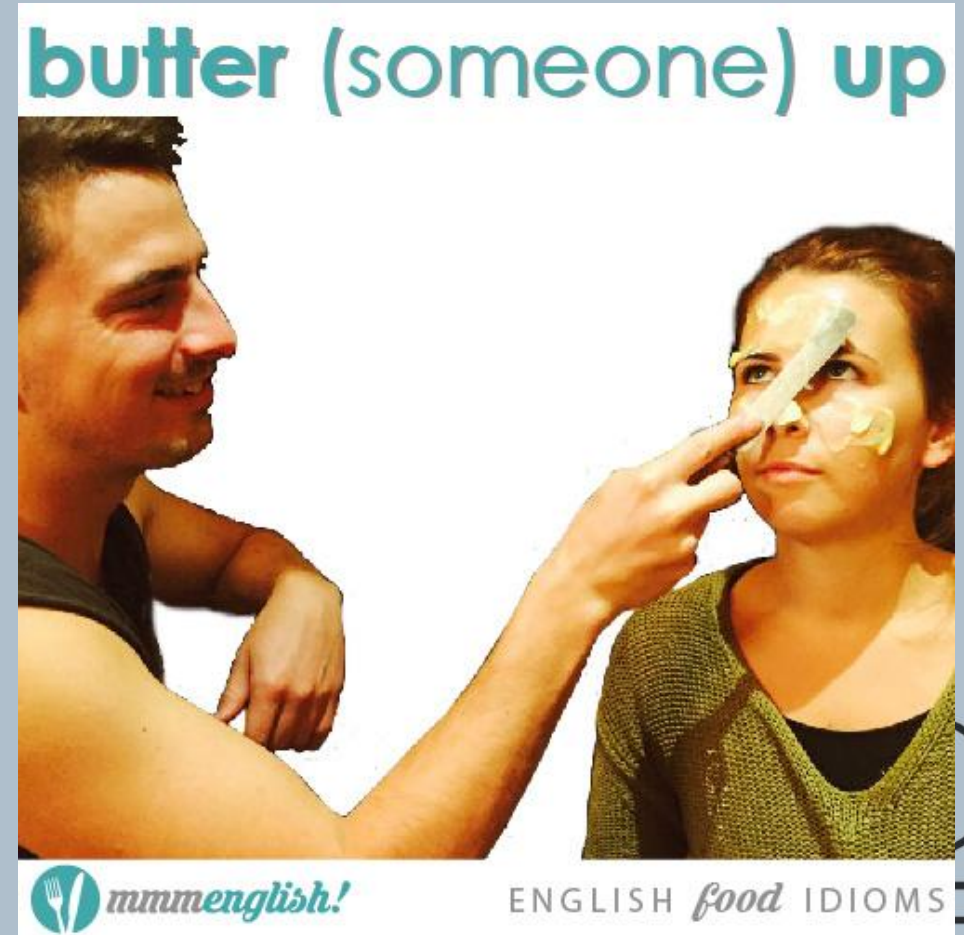
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The true point of the story has little to do with taxes and everything to do with the matchless wisdom and integrity of King Jesus.



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- A. Jesus' followers can submit to government taxation because we recognize that taxation falls within the government's legitimate sphere of authority (Romans 13:1-7).



¹Let everyone submit to the governing authorities, since there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are instituted by God. ²So then, the one who resists the authority is opposing God's command, and those who oppose it will bring judgment on themselves...
⁶And for this reason you pay taxes, since the authorities are God's servants, continually attending to these tasks. ⁷Pay your obligations to everyone: taxes to those you owe taxes, tolls to those you owe tolls, respect to those you owe respect, and honor to those you owe honor.

- Romans 13:1-2, 6-7 (CSB)



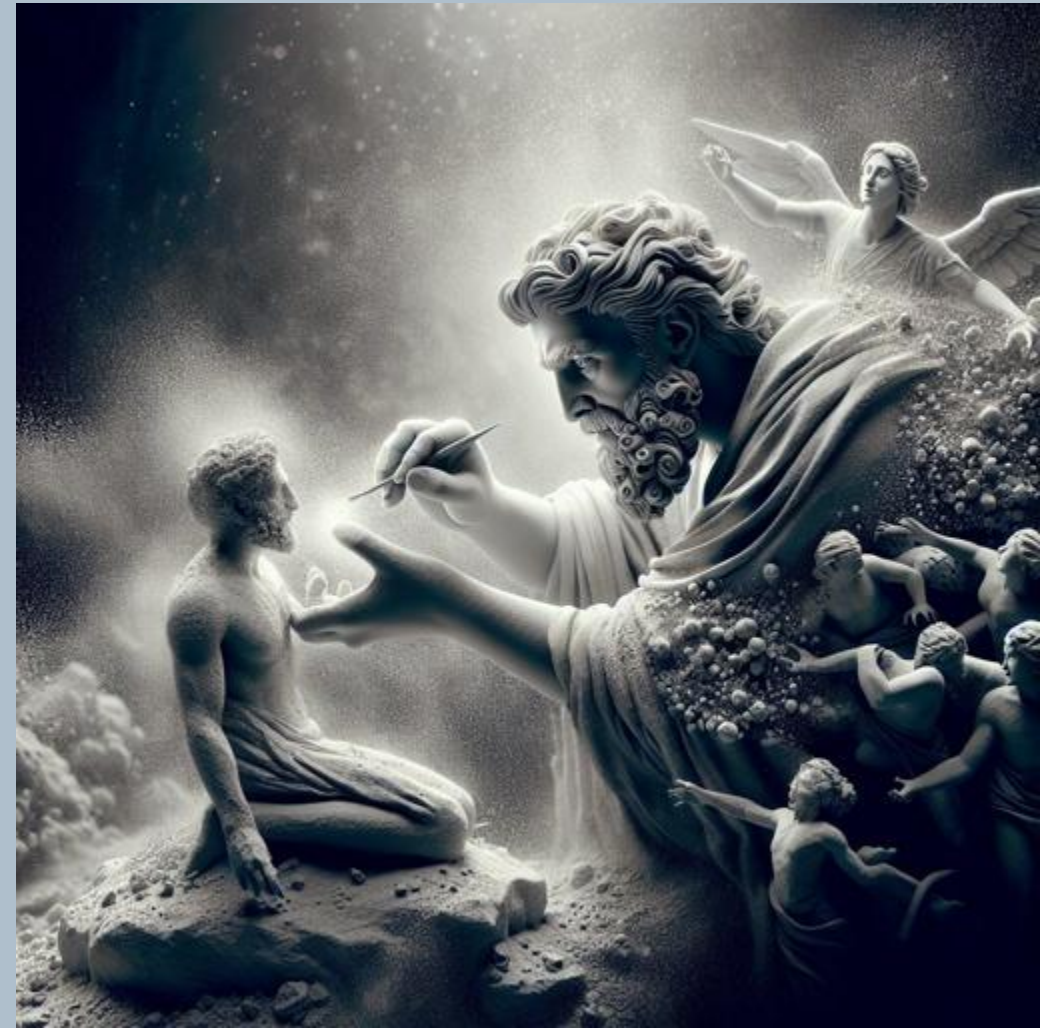
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- C. We are free to bring every part of our lives under the gracious reign of King Jesus.



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Resolve to pursue

“universal obedience.”

- John Owen, *The Mortification of Sin*





