

They thought they had got him on the horns of a dilemma. He asks to see a penny. Whose superscription does it bear? They answer, Cæsar's. He replies, Render to Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, and to God the things that are God's. He gives a judgment to guide men in things secular and sacred while the world lasts. It has been affirmed by a leading writer, that this answer is the wisest ever recorded on earth. Equally final was his reply to those who came asking him by what authority he did these things? "I will also ask you one question: The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned among themselves, saying, If we shall say, from heaven, he will ask, Why then did ye not believe him? but if we say, Of men; they feared the people, for all counted John, that he was a prophet indeed. And they answered and said, We cannot tell. And Jesus answering, said unto them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things." Such is our Teacher, always so wise, so patient, so considerate, so loving; and he brings us "*Rules from Heaven for life on earth.*" No wonder that the people marvelled at his doctrine, and that when he came down from the mountain the general verdict was, HE TEACHES WITH AUTHORITY!

What a wonderful Sermon, and how manifestly Divine was the Teacher! What other passage in the whole range of literature can equal its brevity and the beauties of its utterances! Its opening beatitudes move the hearts even of the careless, with an impulse and emotion that remind us of the pleasures for evermore at God's right hand, and the fullness of joy that is there. Words at once so plain and profound: "Which of you by taking thought

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