

MATTHEW

December 4, 2022

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QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Do a little research. What is “the two-drachma” or temple tax (v. 1)?
2. How are these tax collectors different from the publicans like Matthew/Levi?
3. Why do you suppose these tax collectors approach Peter to question him about Jesus?
4. What is Jesus’ take on this tax (vv. 25-26)? (What is suggested by the question He puts to Peter?)
5. What does Jesus say about Himself in asking this question?
6. By including Peter (v. 27a), Jesus also says what about His disciples?
7. Why is Jesus concerned that He might cause offense to, or an occasion of stumbling for, the tax collectors (v. 27a)?

What does the Apostle Paul say about this?

- Romans 14:13, 21
- 1 Corinthians 8:13
- Romans 16:17

With what attitude are we to approach this (Philippians 2:3-5)?

What gives you the most trouble in having this attitude?

8. What is most interesting to you about this miracle? Why do you suppose Matthew documented it?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will live as a child of God this week by . . .

I will cultivate the attitude or mind of Christ this week by . . .