

Matt 17:22-27 GLC Study Guide

Jesus Again Foretells Death, Resurrection

²² As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men, ²³ and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day.” And they were greatly distressed.

The Temple Tax

²⁴ When they came to Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma tax went up to Peter and said, “Does your teacher not pay the tax?” ²⁵ He said, “Yes.” And when he came into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, “What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tax? From their sons or from others?” ²⁶ And when he said, “From others,” Jesus said to him, “Then the sons are free. ²⁷ However, not to give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook and take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth you will find a shekel. Take that and give it to them for me and for yourself.” Matt. 17: 22-27

Exploring

1. As you read Matt 17: 22-27 what stands out to you from this passage?
2. Why does Jesus keep on reminding His disciples about His death? What are the implications of this for us today?
3. Why were the disciples “greatly distressed” (v23) about Jesus’ death? How do you process news about a loved one’s death or terminating disease?
4. What are some reasons we might rejoice in our sorrowful circumstances? (See Romans 5:3-4, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, James 1:2-2, 1 Peter 4:13)

Digging?

1. What are some reasons the disciples might have rejoiced at Jesus’ statement that He was going to be betrayed and killed (v. 23)? (See also John 16:7)
2. In verse 27 Jesus instructed Peter to go “cast a hook.” We can assume that Peter obeyed and paid the temple tax for himself and Jesus. Why is it important to obey Jesus’ instruction regardless of “how” he instructs you to perform an action?

Growing

1. Read verse 24-27, what does this miracle teach us about Jesus? (See Gen. 1:26; Ps. 8:6–8, Matt. 21:1–7, Matt. 26:34, 74–75).

Going

1. Since Jesus died for our sins and rose again, how does the message of the Cross motivate us to share Christ? And if you’re not motivated to share Christ why is it?
2. Read verse 27, how Should the followers of Jesus avoid unnecessarily offending others? What can we learn from Jesus?