

STUDY GUIDE

Matthew 17:22-27

“The Miracle of Freedom and Provision”

*“What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tax?
From their sons or from others?” Matthew 17:25*

- 1) Why did Jesus did tell his disciples about his impending crucifixion and resurrection after he had done so not long before?
- 2) How do you feel when people talk about death? How does having a hope in Christ change your perspective on death? How should Jesus’ resurrection affect the way that we live our lives?
- 3) What was the two-drachma tax? Who collected it and what was it for? Who was obligated to pay it? Who was exempt from doing so?
- 4) Why would the tax collector question Peter about whether Jesus would pay that tax? Was Jesus obligated to pay that tax? Why or why not?
- 5) Why does Jesus tell Peter to pay the tax? What principle from this should we apply to our own lives?
- 6) Why should we pay taxes? What obligations do we have toward human government? Discuss when and why must we resist human government.
- 7) How was the money for the tax for Jesus and Peter provided? In what ways do we see the the divine power and wisdom and knowledge of God in that miraculous provision?
- 8) Have you ever had God provide for you in an unexpected and surprising way? Share - and then discuss how God provides for our needs by conventional means.