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A Good News Story

Jesus Says Love God, Each Other

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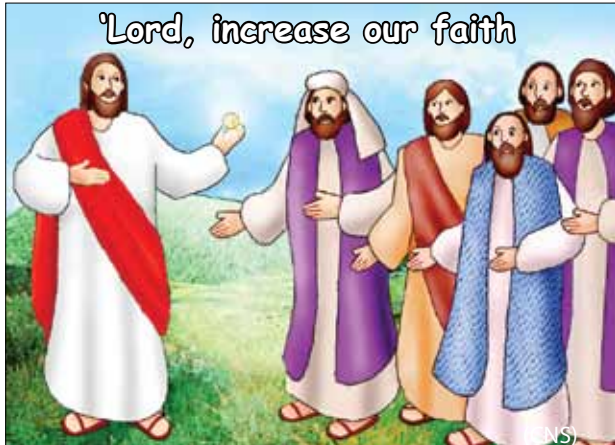
The Pharisees met secretly to plot a way to trick Jesus into saying something they could use against Him in court. They wanted to stop Him from preaching and teaching. After they had developed a plan, they sent their disciples to ask Jesus certain questions.

“Teacher,” one of them said, “we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone’s opinion, for you do not regard a person’s status.”

The man paused before asking Jesus the question formed by the Pharisees.

“Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?”

Jesus knew immediately that the men were trying to fool Him. In a voice loud enough for everyone to hear Him Jesus replied, “Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax.”



Q&A

Which two political groups tried to test Jesus?

Which commandment is the greatest of all?

Read more in Matthew 22.

One of the men reached into the pocket of his robe and pulled out a coin. As the man handed the coin to Jesus, the sun rays flashed on the shiny metal. Jesus held the coin up over His head. Then He asked, “Whose image is this and whose inscription?”

“Caesar’s,” answered the men.

Jesus looked at the Pharisees,

pointed at them, and said, “Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”

They were amazed by the wisdom of the answer Jesus had given. They had nothing more to say, so they returned to their masters.

Later that same day the Sadducees, who also resented the teaching of Jesus, asked Jesus a very complicated question about the resurrection.

To answer them, Jesus quoted from the Scriptures, and said, “(God) is not the God of the dead but of the living.”

And again the crowd was astonished by the wisdom of Jesus.

A final test by His adversaries was one more question, “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”

Jesus answered, “You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. ... The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Jesus Overcomes Trickery of Pharisees

Jesus was often challenged by the Pharisees, who believed the laws given to the prophets were to be obeyed rigidly. They believed people who did not follow the laws were sinners. They felt that Jesus was not properly obeying the laws.

Although the Pharisees frequently disagreed with the Sadducees and the chief priests, they worked together to try to stop Jesus from preaching and performing miracles.

Even though Jesus was killed on the cross because of their treachery, He triumphed over sin by rising from the dead on the third day.

October is the Month of the Rosary

Say a Decade a Day in October ... Again

October has been celebrated as the Month of the Rosary in honor of Mary for many years. Now it is also the Month for Life.

Saying a decade of the rosary after school this month is a way you can honor the Blessed Mother and pray that God will protect all of His children, born and unborn.

Last year, our Rockford Diocese Bishop David Malloy recorded each decade. Many people told us they liked saying the rosary with the bishop, so we are doing it again.

Ask an adult to help

you go to the website <http://observer.rockforddiocese.org/decade-a-day>. There you can click on the name of the mystery to pray with the bishop.

If you haven’t said the rosary much, you’ll be glad to know most of the prayers are ones you already know, so the instructions here will be easy to follow.

If you don’t have a rosary, you can always use your fingers to count your prayers.

A decade is an Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, a Glory Be and the Fatima prayer.

Four groups of five mys-

teries are the basis of the rosary. Each mystery tells of an important story in Jesus’s life.

October starts on a Wednesday this year, so you

may start with the Joyful Mystery about the Nativity and continue to say a decade Monday through Friday, as shown in this calendar.

Think about each mys-

tery as you pray it.

When you finish, start over with the first Joyful Mystery and you’ll be on your way to a new prayer habit.



(Observer photo by Sharon Boehlefeld) Bishop David Malloy prays the rosary.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Joyful Mysteries The Annunciation Mary learns that she has been chosen to be the mother of Jesus.	The Visitation Mary visits Elizabeth, who tells her that she will always be remembered.	The Nativity Jesus is born in a stable in Bethlehem.	The Presentation in the Temple Mary and Joseph take the infant Jesus to the Temple to present Him to God.	The Finding in the Temple Jesus is found in the Temple discussing His faith with the teachers.
Luminous Mysteries The Baptism of Christ in the Jordan God proclaims that Jesus is His beloved Son.	The Wedding Feast at Cana At Mary’s request, Jesus performs His first miracle.	Jesus’ Proclamation of the Coming of the Kingdom of God Jesus calls all to conversion and service to the Kingdom.	The Transfiguration Jesus is revealed in glory to Peter, James, and John.	The Institution of the Eucharist Jesus offers His Body and Blood at the Last Supper.
Sorrowful Mysteries The Agony in the Garden Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night before He dies.	The Scourging at the Pillar Jesus is lashed with whips.	The Crowning with Thorns Jesus is mocked and crowned with thorns.	The Carrying of the Cross Jesus carries the cross that will be used to crucify Him.	The Crucifixion Jesus is nailed to the cross and dies.
Glorious Mysteries The Resurrection God the Father raises Jesus from the dead.	The Ascension Jesus returns to His Father in heaven.	The Descent of the Holy Spirit The Holy Spirit comes to bring new life to the disciples.	The Assumption At the end of her life on earth, Mary is taken body and soul into heaven.	The Coronation of Mary Mary is crowned as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

Rosary reflections are from <http://www.loyolapress.com/mysteries-of-the-rosary.htm#sthash.36TcB2UE.dpbs>