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Q & A

Who wanted to trick Jesus into saying something wrong? To whom was the census tax owed?

Read more about it in Matthew 22

A Good News Story

Pharisees Question Jesus

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Just a few days before his crucifixion, Jesus was teaching the people in Jerusalem's temple.

He told the parable of two sons whose father asked them to work in the field. One son refused but changed his mind and went, while the other said he would go but did not. The crowd agreed that the first son had done his father's will.

Jesus also told the parable of tenants who did not give produce to their landlord. The landlord tried to collect the produce, each time sending a different servant. The tenants beat the first servant, killed the second and stoned the third. The landlord then sent his son, whom he thought would be respected, but the son was killed as well.

Jesus asked the people what the landlord would do. The people said he would put the tenants to death and lease his land to tenants who would give him his produce.



Bible Trivia

Who was the Roman emperor during Jesus' ministry?

Tiberius Caesar

Jesus then said that those who rejected him would have the kingdom of God taken from them and given to those who would produce its fruit.

The Pharisees had been listening to Jesus the whole time. They plotted a way to trick him into saying something wrong in front of the people.

"Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to

Caesar or not?" they asked, referring to the Roman emperor who ruled Israel at the time.

Jesus knew he was being tested. If he said it was unlawful to pay Caesar's tax, he would be turned in to the Romans as a traitor. If he said it was lawful to pay the tax, he would be accused of being disloyal to Israel.

"Show me the coin that pays the census tax," Jesus said.

The Pharisees handed him a Roman coin, which was the only currency that the Roman Empire would accept for the census tax.

"Whose image is this and whose inscription?" Jesus asked.

"Caesar's," the Pharisees replied.

Jesus paused and looked intently at the Pharisees.

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God," he said.

All who heard Jesus were amazed by his perfect answer.

Fall Goings-on in Our Catholic Schools



St. Charles Borromeo School in Hampshire sent one cross country team and one individual to the Illinois Elementary Sports Association State meet in Normal this fall.



On Sept. 30, St. Patrick School Students of Service club celebrated National Public Lands Day by volunteering at Dick Young Forest Preserve in Batavia. They planted more than 300 trees, watering and mulching, collecting seed pods, and many other projects.

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St. Margaret Mary School students are praying daily with their parish priests, who are taking turns greeting them each morning. Father Witold Adamczyk, OFM Conv, prays with third graders.



The Sauk Valley Saints boys cross country team placed 12th out of 27 teams in Division 1A at the meet in Peoria, on Oct. 14.



(Photos provided)

St. Mary School students in Woodstock, as a part of their evangelization effort, invited public school children to attend school with them. Fifty students came for a teaching Mass with Father Louie Tosto. Deacon Dennis Hollihan of McHenry brought his "Animals of the Bible." Children got to touch a goat and "put their sins on it." The deacon also released doves to remind the children of God's promise to Noah. The school is hosting a second Bring a Friend to School Day on Nov. 10.