



**the good news according to
MATTHEW**

Chapter 17:22-27

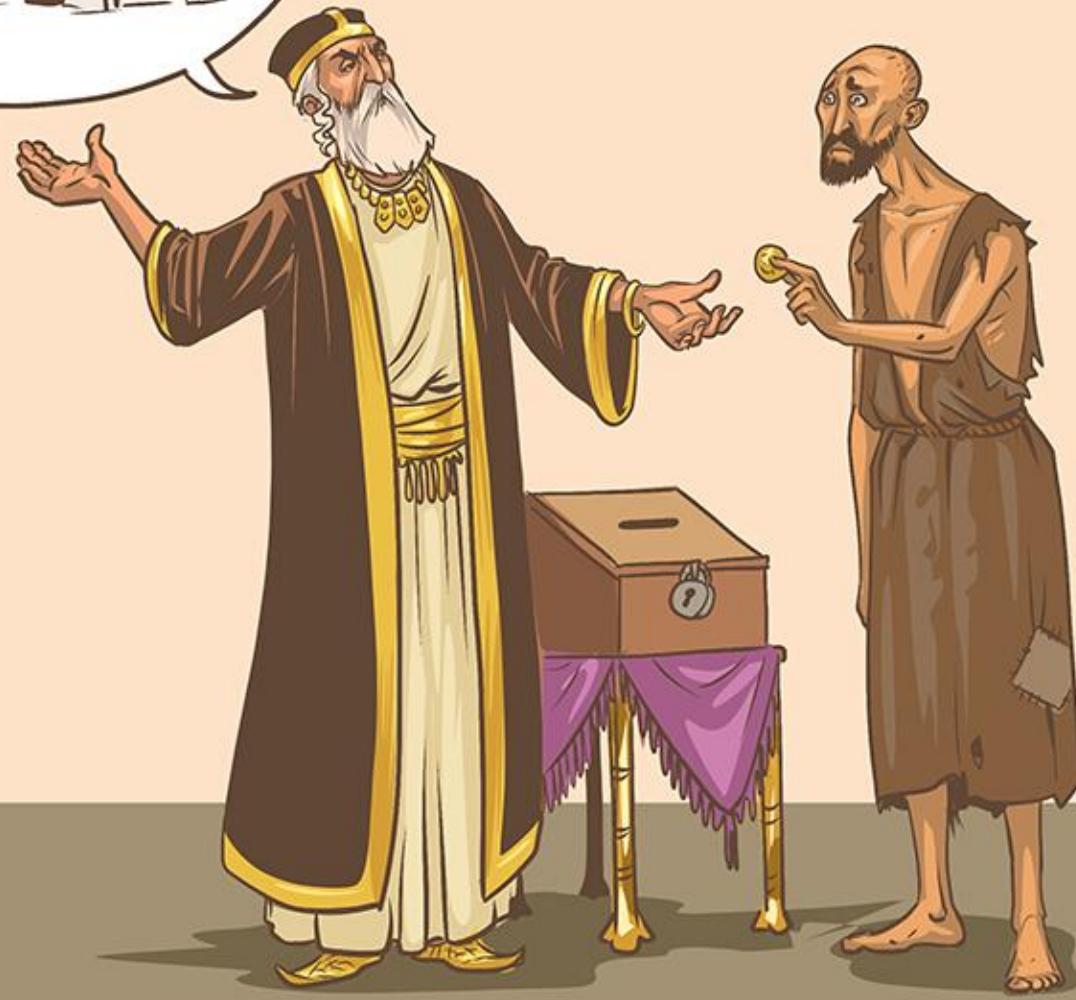
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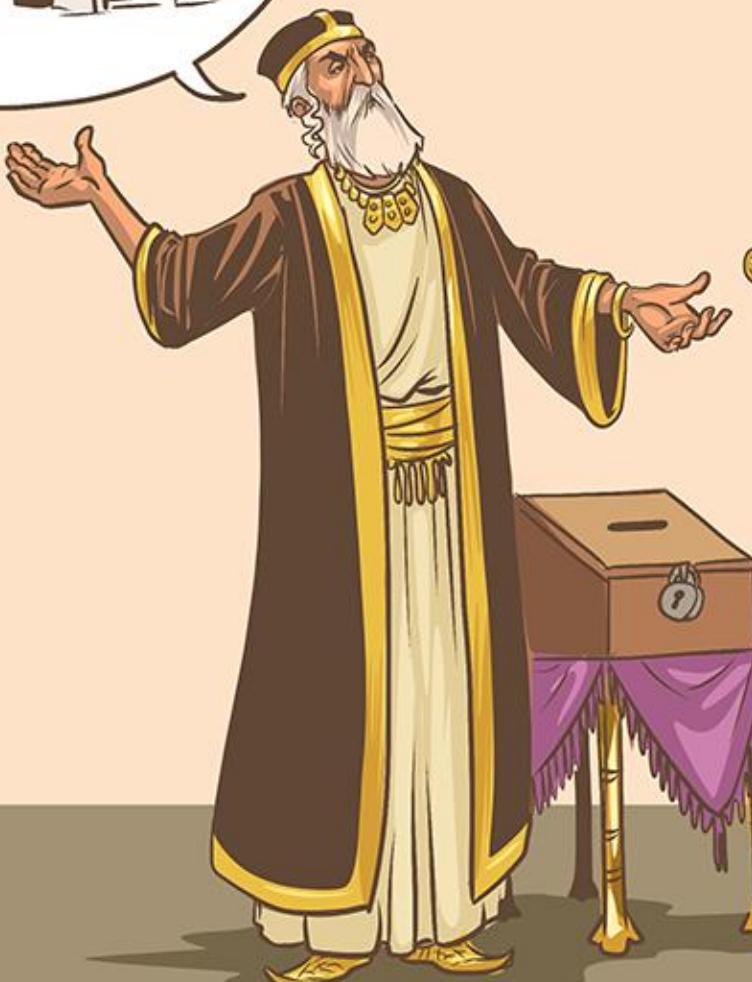
²² After they gathered again in Galilee, Jesus told them, “The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of his enemies. ²³ He will be killed, but on the third day he will be raised from the dead.” And the disciples were filled with grief

²⁴ On their arrival in Capernaum, the collectors of the Temple tax came to Peter and asked him, “Doesn’t your teacher pay the Temple tax?” ²⁵ “Yes, he does,” Peter replied. Then he went into the house. But before he had a chance to speak, Jesus asked him, “What do you think, Peter? Do kings tax their own people or the people they have conquered?”

26 “They tax the people they have conquered,”
Peter replied. **“Well, then,”** Jesus said, **“the**
citizens are free!

15 ...the rich must not give more than the specified amount, and the poor must not give less. 16 Receive this ransom money from the Israelites and use it for the care of the Tabernacle. It will bring the Israelites to the Lord's attention, and it will purify your lives.





27 However, we don't want to offend them, so go down to the lake and throw in a line. Open the mouth of the first fish you catch, and you will find a large silver coin. Take it and pay the tax for both of us.”



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1 We who are strong must be considerate of those who are sensitive about things like this. We must not just please ourselves. 2 We should help others do what is right and build them up in the Lord. 3 For even Christ didn't live to please himself....

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