



"The Holy Rebels Handbook"

Def of Holy Rebel: A Christ Follower unleashed on the earth with direct access to the throne of God.

Unleashed is even a better word...I say unleashed because we have been literally set free from the chains of sin.

Matthew 17:24-27, Eph.2:6-11, 1Cor. 10:23-33

Read Matthew 17:24-27

Lets study the text and really see what's going on...Jesus is here in Capernaum 10 minutes and already someone is trying to find fault in Him. Vs. 24

First thing to write down!

- 1. My peers, teachers, parents, and everyone in between are watching my life.**

Matt, my life is not that important! Wrong! Your life is important and valued by God. There are many eyes on you as a generation. Here are some obvious ones: Colleges, Government, Health Care, Advertisers, cinema, education system, religious world, our enemies (spiritual), athletic programs and benefits, the travel industry, car industry...the list goes on and on...this generation is shaping industry, the very face of this country for the next 10 years or more...they are watching you, the ones younger than you, are watching you as well.

By looking at us the world determines their TRUTH. Is Jesus real or is he just another religious way to get to God or a higher power?

We're not just shaping industry, we're shaping the world's perception of Jesus! (by the way we live)

This generation and the everyone before it has systematically burned bridges that would have brought people to Jesus. The Survivors of some of that chaos are in this room tonight, and we are rebuilding.

Look what Jesus says to Pete! Vs.25-27...he's gonna teach Pete something and we get to learn it too.

2. Being a bridge builder begins with HUMILITY!

Lets look at Jesus for a second...this tax that needed to be paid has some interesting points. This was a tax that was a reminder of the Jews' redemption from Egyptian slavery. They were redeemed by the blood of the lamb (Ex 12), not by silver and gold. But the silver shekel was a token of that redemption. Peter caught this lesson (1 Peter 1:18-19).

Examine how humble Jesus remained:

He was going to pay a tax on commemorating the miracle he had already done for them.

He had literally no money at all. 4 drachma is the equivalent of 2 cents.

He had in mind the lesson for Peter and he did not want to cause anyone to sin.

He wanted to also build the faith of Peter in being assured that He was the son of God.

I believe Phil 2:6-11 speaks of Jesus' humility and our response the best-mlh version
He came down from heaven, shedding his heavenly body and putting on human skin making
himself nothing. Looking just like just like a man and treated worse, he was obedient to the
Fathers will for him to die -even death on a cross. So God exalted him to the highest place of
honor and gave him the name that is above all names, that at this name, all will bow down in
heaven and on the earth, and that everyone, from all walks of life and beliefs will confess it and
there will be no denial that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

Paying this debt, he paid a tax that wasn't his to pay and he did it so that they would not be
OFFENDED. Offended means here, we do not want to cause them to SIN.

Jesus came to deliver us from sin and He will never tempt us to sin.

Everything he did was to point the people to a relationship with the God who created them
through himself as our acceptable sacrifice.

3. The beginning of true humility begins with us recognizing and believing that Jesus Christ lived a
perfect life, died on a cross for our sin, rose again on the 3rd day and his now with God
interceding for us. Believing that means you've made the first true step in humility because in
your heart you made him divine which automatically makes us less.

4. Humility is not comprised of one single moment and that now makes you humble, it is
comprised of millions of moments where we daily give our lives, our control, and our trust to
Christ.

Jesus loved God and us! We are to do the same!

So He pays the tax so men do not judge him and fall into sin. We are to live like this as well>

Examples of ways we can cause others to stumble...sex, jokes, debates, gossip, attitude (use poster), motives, tv, music, movies, worrying, laying your convictions on someone else(clarify)...etc...

1Cor.10:23&24, 31-33...11:1 turn there...

If we HUMBLE OURSELVES and make it about God and People we will start a REBELLION IN THE KINGDOM OF SATAN.