



The Coin in the Mouth of a Fish

(Matthew 17:24-27)

When Jesus and His disciples were in Capernaum, those who received the temple tax came to Peter and asked, "Doesn't your master pay the tax?" Peter said, "Yes, he does."

Peter went into the house, where Jesus asked him, "What do you think, Simon? Of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? Of their own children or of strangers?"

Peter answered, "Of strangers."

"Nevertheless, to make sure we don't offend them, go to the sea, and cast a hook, and take up the fish that first comes up. When you have opened the mouth of the fish, you will find a piece of money. Take that and give it to them for Me and you."