

When Jesus' Miracle was a Parable

Coin in the Fish's Mouth ~ Matthew 17:24-27

The story before us today reveals how Jesus often responds to the needs we have in life.

Let's look at four of these responses:

1. First, Jesus Will Always Provide for Our Needs.

- Jesus will always take care of you.

2. Next, Jesus Knows Our Needs Before We Ask.

- Capernaum – Peter's house?
- The Temple Tax
- Jesus speaks before Peter does.
- If Jesus knows our needs before we do, why doesn't He meet our needs sooner?

3. Third, Jesus Uses Our Needs to Teach Us.

- Jesus was teaching Peter about Himself and how relationships are more important than rights.
- Difficult times can become teachable moments for us.

4. Finally, Jesus Can Meet Our Needs Miraculously.

- Why did Jesus use a fish to pay the tax?
- It is amazing how individually Jesus works within our lives.

Further reading assignment this week: Psalm 37:1-40

Next week's sermon: Money Matters. Various Scriptures