### The Temple Tax (only in Matthew 17:24-27)

**24**When they came to Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma tax went up to Peter and said, “Does your teacher not pay the tax?”

**25**He said, “Yes.” And when he came into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, “What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tax? From their sons or from others?” **26**And when he said, “From others,” Jesus said to him, “Then the sons are free. **27**However, not to give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook and take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth you will find a shekel.] Take that and give it to them for me and for yourself.”

### Who Is the Greatest?

**33**And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house {the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” MT} he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” **34**But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest.

**35**And he sat down {knowing their thoughts LK} and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.”

**36**And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, {Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. MT}

**37**“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.” {For he who is least among you all is the one who is great.” LK}

### Anyone Not Against Us Is for Us (only in Mark and Luke)

**38**John said to him, “Teacher {Master LK}, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.”

**39**But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. **40**For the one who is not against us is for us. **41**For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

### Temptations to Sin (only in Mark and Matthew)

**42**“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin,[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+9.33-50&version=ESV#fen-ESV-24576b)] it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.

{Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! MT}

**43**And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire {be thrown into the eternal fire. MT}

**45**And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off {and throw it away MT}. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell.

**47**And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out {and throw it away MT}. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell {the hell of fire MT}, **48**‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’

(not in Matthew) **49**For everyone will be salted with fire. **50**Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”