FREEDOM: THE SONS ARE FREE

COMPLETED NOTES / MATTHEW 17:24–27

FOLLOW ME: MADE BY JESUS

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SONSHIP → HUMILITY → AUTHORITY

Recent Formation Context

CONFESSION → CORRECTION → SURRENDER → GLORY → FREEDOM

The Father has declared who Jesus is. Now Jesus teaches Peter what His identity means. The Son is free. Yet Jesus voluntarily pays.

BIG IDEA

Jesus, God's Son, willingly pays what He does not owe to avoid unnecessary offense.

I. Jesus Reveals His Freedom as God's Son.

MATTHEW 17:24–26

• Jesus is God’s unique Son.

• Jesus’ freedom flows from His identity, not from His circumstances.

• His identity establishes His exemption.

• Matthew does not establish that Peter shares Jesus’ exemption.

Matthew 17:24–26

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II. Jesus Voluntarily Restrains His Freedom to Avoid Offense.

MATTHEW 17:27a

• Jesus pays to avoid unnecessary offense.

Matthew 17:27a

• Jesus voluntarily chooses not to insist upon His exemption.

• His humility does not diminish His glory.

• Biblical convictions and personal preferences must be distinguished.

His concern for others governs His decision.

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III. Jesus Demonstrates His Authority Through Extraordinary Provision.

MATTHEW 17:27b

• Matthew records Jesus' instruction, not Peter's fulfillment.

Matthew 17:27

• His humility does not diminish His authority.

Matthew 17:27

• The payment covers both Jesus and Peter.

• This is not a universal promise of miraculous financial supply.

Matthew 17:27

His instruction reveals extraordinary authority and provision.

PETER'S FORMATION

FREEDOM

Jesus teaches Peter that freedom does not require insisting on one's rights.

REFLECTION & RESPONSE

1. When am I justified in exercising a freedom but wiser not to insist upon it?

2. Can I distinguish a biblical conviction that must be defended from a personal preference that may be relinquished?

3. Are we more concerned about asserting our rights or faithfully representing Christ?

The glorious Son is also the humble Son.

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