

Freedom in Christ
Matthew 17:24-27
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Outline

Jesus People: Part 1 – Matthew 14-17

- Who are the types of people that Jesus draws to Himself?
- What sort of life does He draw them into?
- Who is Jesus?

Questions for Matthew 17:24-27

- What does Jesus do with His sonship?
- Because Jesus has made us free sons and daughters, what do we do with our sonship?
What do we do as a result of being Jesus People who are free?

Matthew 17:24

- Exodus 30:11-16 – Tent of Meeting Tax
- 1 Kings 6 – Temple Built
- 2 Kings 12:5 – Upkeep and maintenance of the Temple ongoing

Matthew 17:25-26

- Royal sons are exempt from taxes imposed by their fathers
- Matthew 5:17 – “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”
- Matthew 12:6 – “I tell you, something greater than the temple is here.”
- Galatians 4:4-7 – we receive adoption as sons
- **Jesus People are set free as sons and daughters**
- Romans 8:17 – heirs of God; co-heirs with Christ

Matthew 17:27

- What do we do with our freedom?
- **Jesus People are set free to serve and love one another**
- Are we to never offend? No
 - Jesus is doubly offensive – His inclusivity and exclusivity
(<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/trevin-wax/give-me-the-doubly-offensive-jesus-please/>)
 - 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
 - Acts 4:11-12
 - 1 Peter 2:7-8
- We are free to embrace limitations for the sake of our brothers and sisters so as not to give offence
 - Romans 13-14
 - 1 Corinthians 8 and 10

What criteria should we use to assess whether we should give offence or not?

- Is our offence rooted in the Bible and Christ or not?
- Consider our freedom to serve others and not give offence with our speech, the Coronavirus pandemic, and our use of media.