

To Pay or Not to Pay Caesar

(Based on Mark 12:13-17, Matthew 22:15-22,
Luke 20:20-26)

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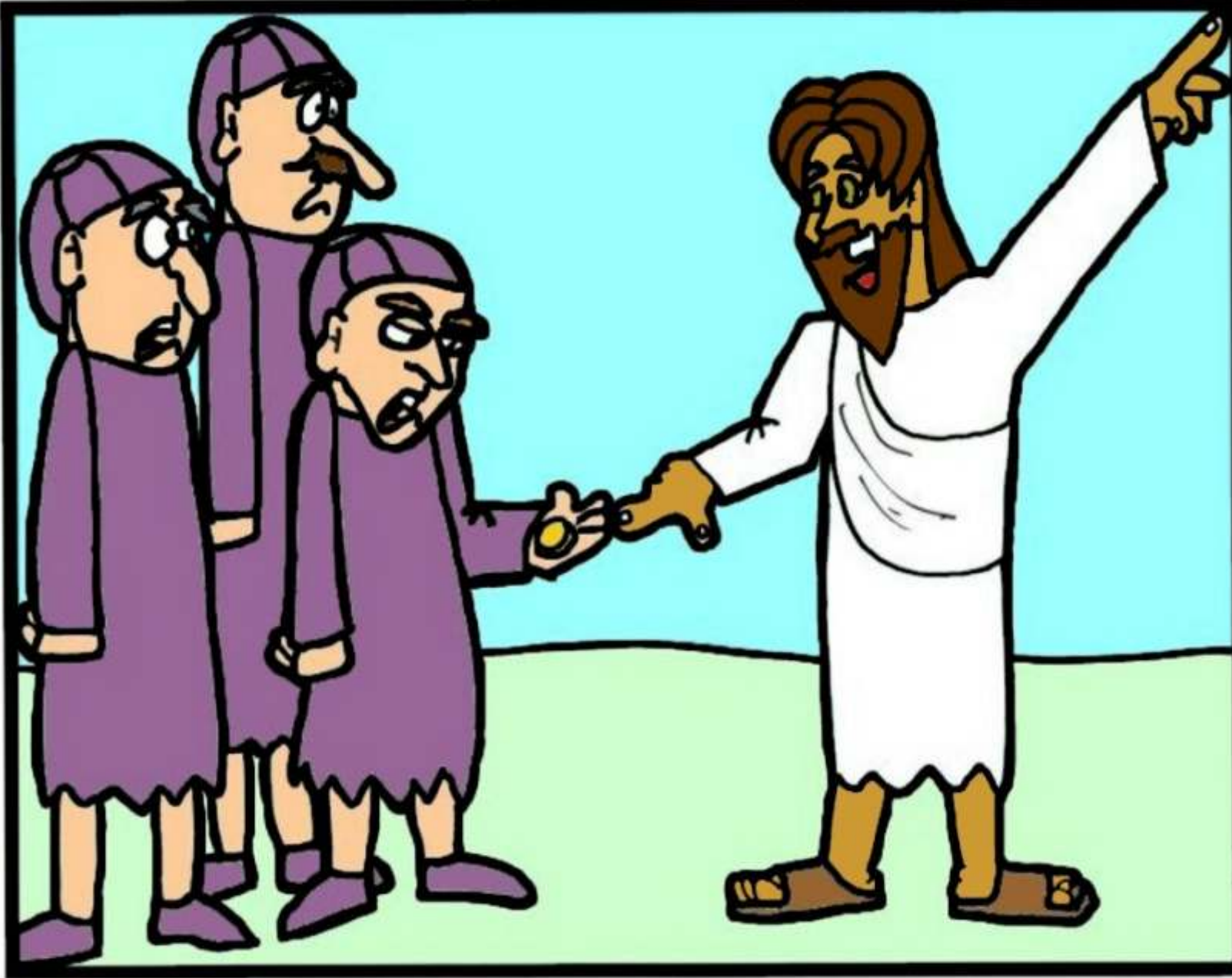
Some Pharisees came to Jesus with a trick question. "Master we know that you teach the true way of God and treat people fairly. Is it the right thing to pay taxes to the Roman Emperor Caesar or is it the wrong thing to do?"



But Jesus knew they were evil and trying to trick him. "Why are you trying to trick me you play actors? Show me the tax money."



They brought him a penny. "Whose face is on this coin?" asked Jesus. They answered, "Caesar's".



"Then pay to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and pay to God the things that belong to God," said Jesus. They were amazed! Jesus was so wise! They turned around and went on their way.



Lord, help me to be wise like
Jesus.