The Temple Tax Miracle and More
(Mt. 17:24-27)

Intro.

Veiled (truth)

a. Mt. 16:13-16
b. Mt. 16:20-23
c. Mt. 17:1-9
d. Mt. 17:22-23)

Exposed (Mk. 9:31-31, Mt. 17:24-26. Lk. 9:45)

Displayed (Perfections of God, Mt. 17:27)

(a) Line fishing, (b) fish, (c) coin, (d) place, (e), time, (f) the cast, (g) coin in mouth

Reflections and/or Applications

1. Part of Chris Tomlin's song, *Sovereign*: {Sovereign in the mtn. air, sovereign on the ocean floor, with me in the calm, with me in the storm, sovereign in my greatest joy, sovereign in my deepest cry, with me in the dark, with me at the dawn}. His sovereignty covers the biggest and smallest things and timing of life. He is in control of it all!

2. Truth can be veiled by God or by our own hardness of heart due to preconceived ideas, unwillingness to die to self, or hearing that is not empowered by the Holy Spirit.

3. The humility and gentleness of Christ when dealing with Peter and the tax collectors is awesome. As one understands this event, one sees why Peter and his pride had to be broken completely before God could use him. "Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God that He may exalt you at the proper time (1 Peter 5:6)."

4. God told the three disciples on the Mount of Transfiguration to "listen to Him." That same command is valid today! However, we listen to so many voices today that we cannot hear God's voice for ourselves.

5. This miracle is a full display of Jesus' perfections. Let us slow down and see His hand and perfections today!

6. There is another foreshadowing of the ransom that Jesus was going to pay for all mankind in this miracle.