

CHILDREN'S CORNER



The Inverted "Jenny"

On 14th May 1918 William T. Robey walked into a busy post office in downtown Washington DC to buy a 24 cent postage stamp. The US Postal Service had just released this new stamp a few days before. It had a red background with a blue bi-plane in the centre called 'Jenny'. While standing there at the counter both Mr Robey and the clerk noticed something very strange. The entire sheet of stamps had mistakenly been printed with the bi-plane flying upside down. There and then, Mr Robey bought the whole sheet: \$24 for one hundred stamps... quite a sum of money in those days.



Then, in 1959 at an auction, stamp number "77" turned up out of nowhere and was sold for the princely sum of \$6100. But that's not all! It came up for sale again in 1982, this time fetching \$198,000. Finally, it was sold again at another auction, just a couple of years ago in 2013, for, wait for it, \$500,000!

Boys and girls, dealers and collectors place great worth on seemingly rare and unique things. However, some of them place little value on the most precious thing that we all have: our precious, never-dying soul! The Bible reminds us of the preciousness of our souls when it says, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" (Mark.8:36)

Within a week Mr Robey sold the sheet to stamp collector Eugene Klein for \$15,000. Klein then sold the sheet on, this time for \$20,000 to another collector called Edward Green. Green decided to lightly number all the stamps in pencil in the bottom corner before selling them on individually, except for a few that he kept for himself.

Sadly, many today are careless about their soul's eternal welfare and are very lax about their great need of salvation. Like many of the other stamps on that misprinted sheet, they too, through neglect, will end up being destroyed and lost forever. Don't let that be the case for you. Come to the Saviour today while you still can for, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" (Hebrews 2:3)

Over the years these rare stamps were passed on and sold to various people. Some were damaged. Others were destroyed. Some were lost and never heard of again.

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profit a man if he
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Mark 8 v 36

PRIZES!

Are you 12 or under? Send your answer, name, address and church to:

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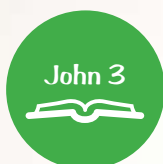
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- » Emma Bunting (Stranraer)
- » Daniel Edwards (Lisburn)
- » Rose Ellen Hutter (Merthyr Tydfil)
- » Rachel McQueen (Cookstown)
- » Rebecca Dick (Crossgar)
- » Hannah Johnston (Coragarry)
- » Olivia Smyth (Coleraine)

Quiz:

The quiz this time is very simple. Sometimes various lessons in the Bible are repeated. In this issue we quoted Mark 8:36, but that truth is also repeated elsewhere in the New Testament. Read the Bible for yourself: in which of the following is this truth found?



Answer: