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Praise Lesus! Vatican recalls thousands of medals over holy typo in Christ's name

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One of the Vatican-issued papal medals withdrawn after Jesus's name was spelt incorrectly as "Lesus"

In a bid to commemorate Pope Francis' first year as Catholic leader, the Vatican commissioned the Italian mint to create a small medallion marking the occasion.

One small problem: Jesus' name is misspelled.



The coin features the Pope's motto, a phrase from the Bible which he says inspired him to follow God. They read:

"Vidit ergo Jesus publicanum et quia miserando antque eligendo vidit, ait illi sequere me," in Latin. In English, that means "Jesus, therefore, saw the tax collector, and because he saw by having mercy and by choosing, He said to him, 'Follow me.'"

Unfortunately, the coin reads: "Vidit ergo **Lesus** publicanum et quia miserando antequam eligendo vidit, ait illi sequere me."

As [the Independent in the U.K. put it](#), "it seems the devil is indeed in the details."

The [Daily Mail reports that only four of the erroneous medals were actually sold](#), meaning that the few who got their hands on them are now looking at a presumably valuable little heirloom.

Even the corrected version will be pretty tough to find —only 200 gold, 3,000 silver and 3,000 bronze medals were produced.

The general reaction to the gaffe was punny, as many responded with "Lesus"-related jokes. [The Russian Times article on the mistake was titled "What would Lesus do?"](#)

One Twitter user thinks he figured out the culprit behind the entire thing. "I blame the Lesuits," he wrote.



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