

Introduction

1. Jesus is transfigured (vs. 1-13).
2. The epileptic boy (vs. 14-20).
3. Jesus tells His disciples of His upcoming death again (vs 22-23).
4. The tax money (vs 24-27).
5. The disciples continue to learn about the mind, spirit, and purpose of Christ being on earth.

Select Verses



- 17:1-2 - *“And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, ⁽²⁾And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.”*
- 17:5 - *“While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.”*
- 17:19-20 - *“Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? ⁽²⁰⁾And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.”*
- 17:22-23 - *“And while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men: ⁽²³⁾And they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised again. And they were exceeding sorry.”*
- 17:27 - *“Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee.”*

Select Thoughts / Themes



1. The transfiguration of Jesus Christ (v 2).
 - a. Cf our word of “*metamorphosis*”
 - b. Change from within
 - c. Moses and Elias appeared too.
 - d. Voice from heaven: “*This is my beloved Son...*”
2. The miracle of a coin secured to pay a tax.
 - a. Jesus performed many miracles – this one is unique.
 - b. It is the only miracle involving money.
3. The boy sore vexed, a lunatick (likely epileptic).
 - a. Disciples unable to heal him.
 - b. The disciples asked “*Why*” they were unable to heal.
 - c. Jesus told them “*Because of your unbelief.*”
4. In verses 22-23, Jesus again tells them of His betrayal and death.
5. Faith of a mustard seed (v. 20). What did the Lord mean?

To Consider Further...



1. Who were present at the transfiguration?
2. What did Moses and Elias represent by their presence?
3. Why were the disciples unable to heal the epileptic boy
4. The temple tax.
 - a. The coin was obtained from the mouth of a fish.
 - b. Jesus chose to pay the tax to set an example.
5. Why was it necessary for the Lord to tell His disciples multiple times about His betrayal, death and resurrection?