

The Gospel of Matthew (Chapter 17:1-12)

I. Jesus Brings Disciples to the Mountain Top

- a. Peter, James, and John were considered the L ___ D E ___ S of the disciples.
- b. The three disciples made up Jesus' "_____ circle."

II. The Transfiguration

- a. "His face shone like the _____" (Matthew 17:2)
- b. "His garments became as ___ I T E as light" (Matthew 17:2)
- c. "there before me was one like a _____ of man, coming with the clouds of heaven."
(Daniel 7:13)
- d. "He was given ___ U T ___ O ___ T Y, _____, and sovereign ___ W E R" (Daniel 7:14)

Discussion:

What does the Transfiguration of Jesus reveal about his true identity?

III. Moses and Elijah

- a. "And behold, Moses and Elijah _____ to them, talking with Him [Jesus]."
(Matthew 17:3)
- b. Peter said, "I will make three ___ B E R ___ C L ___ S here, one for You [Jesus], and one for Moses, and one for Elijah." (Matthew 17:4)

Discussion:

What is the significance of having both Moses and Elijah on the mountain top with Jesus?

IV. God Speaks to the Disciples

- a. God declares, "This is My beloved _____, with whom I am well-pleased; ___ S T ___ N to Him!" (Matthew 17:5)
- b. "In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the _____" (Hebrews 1:1)
- c. "but in these last days he has spoken to us by His _____." (Hebrews 1:2)

V. Elijah = John the Baptist

- a. Jesus commands the disciples to "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man has ___ E N from the dead." (Matthew 17:9)
- b. The disciples ask Jesus, "Why then do the scribes say that _____ must come first?"
(Matthew 17:10)
- c. Jesus explains that "Elijah _____ came and [was not] recognize[d]" (Matthew 17: 12)
- d. "For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John. And if you are willing to accept it, he is the ___ I J ___ H who was to come." (Matthew 11:13-14)

- e. "This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: 'A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ' _____ the _____ for the Lord, make straight paths for Him.' "
- (Matthew 3:3)
- f. John connected the ___ L D and ___ ___ W Testaments.
- g. Jesus explains that Elijah's arrival already has paved the way for Him to be L ___ R ___.

VI. Jesus Declares His Death to Come

- a. Similar to John, Jesus tells the disciples that He also will " _____ at their hands."
- (Matthew 17:12)

Discussion:

What does Jesus' prediction of His death and resurrection mean for us?

VII. Conclusion

- a. The Transfiguration is both a symbolic and visual evidence of the power and authority of Jesus.
- b. Jesus has answered some of the questions the disciples had regarding the fulfillment of prophecy.