

The Gospel of Matthew (Chapter 17:14-27)

I. Refresher

- Jesus led Peter, James, and John to the ___ U N ___ I N top.
- Jesus reveals his power and ___ L ___ Y through the Transfiguration.

II. The Demon-Possessed Boy

- The father approaches Jesus regarding his S ___ K son.
- The son is “possessed by a _____” (Mark 9:17)
- The disciples are unable to _____ the son.
- The father tells Jesus, “If you _____ do anything, take pity on us and help us.” (Mark 9:22)

Discussion:

- How would you describe the father of the demon-possessed boy?

III. The Importance of Faith

- Jesus says, “Everything is ___ S S ___ B L ___ for one who believes.” (Mark 9:23)
- Following the boy’s healing, the disciples ask why they were _____ to drive out the demon.
- Jesus rebukes the disciples’ ___ A ___ T H
- Faith the size of a “_____ seed” can move a “___ U N ___ A ___ N.” (Matthew 17:20) *
- “The Lord will give _____ unto His people; the Lord will ___ E S ___ His people with peace.” (Psalm 29:11)

Discussion:

- What is the significance of comparing a mustard seed to a mountain?

IV. Jesus Again Predicts His Death

- Jesus again reveals that He is to be “D ___ I V ___ R E D into the hands of men.” (Matthew 17:22)
- Additionally, Jesus says “He will be _____ on the third day.” (Matthew 17:23)
- The disciples “did not ___ D E ___ S T ___ D...” (Mark 9:32)

Discussion:

- What was the purpose of Jesus telling His disciples a second time about his coming death?

V. The Temple Tax

- The Law of Moses required every male twenty years or older to make an annual payment of _____ drachmas
- Jesus explains that kings of the earth collect taxes from ___ T ___ N G ___ R S as opposed to their family.
- Jesus tells Peter to catch a fish and he will find a ___ T A ___ E R.

Discussion:

- What does the story of the temple tax reveal to us about Jesus?