

THE WAY OF THE Kingdom

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Matthew 17:14-21 | Also found in Mk. 9:14-28; Lk. 9:37-42

¹⁴ When they came to the crowd, a man approached Jesus and knelt before him. ¹⁵ “Lord, have mercy on my son,” he said. “He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or the water. ¹⁶ I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him.”

What are additional details we can see in Mark 9?

Disease and Demons: What does the holistic interplay of spiritual and natural forces look like?

¹⁷ “You unbelieving and perverse generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me.” ¹⁸ Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed at that moment. ¹⁹ The the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, “Why couldn’t we drive it out?” ²⁰ He replied, “because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.” ²¹ [but this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting.]

Unbelieving and Perverse:

Deut. 32:5,20

Moving Mountains:

Luke 17:6

Matt. 21:21

1 Cor. 13:2b

Faith is not a substance you try to manifest, like courage or zeal – that the more you have the more powerful you become. Faith is confidence that we can do what God calls us to do according to his plans and will, it is confidence in his ability and strength.

Matthew 17:22-23 | Also found in Mk. 9:30-32; Lk. 9:43-45

²² When they came together in Galilee, he said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. ²³ They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to life.” And the disciples are filled with grief.

Mt. 16:21-23 ----- Mt. 17:22-23 ----- Mt. 20:19
Kerygma: 1 Cor. 15:4; Acts 2:22-24

Matthew 17:24-27 | Also found in Mk. 9:33

²⁴ After Jesus and his disciples arrived in Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma temple tax came to Peter and asked, “Doesn’t your teacher pay the temple tax?” ²⁵ “Yes, he does,” he replied. When Peter came into the house, Jesus was the first to speak. “What do you think, Simon?” he asked. “From whom do the kings of the earth collect duty and tax = from their own children or from others?” ²⁶ “From others,” Peter answered. “Then the children are exempt,” Jesus said to him. “But so that we may not cause offense, go to the lake and throw out your line. Take the first fish you catch; open its mouth and you will find a four-drachma coin. Take it and give it to them for my tax and for yours.”